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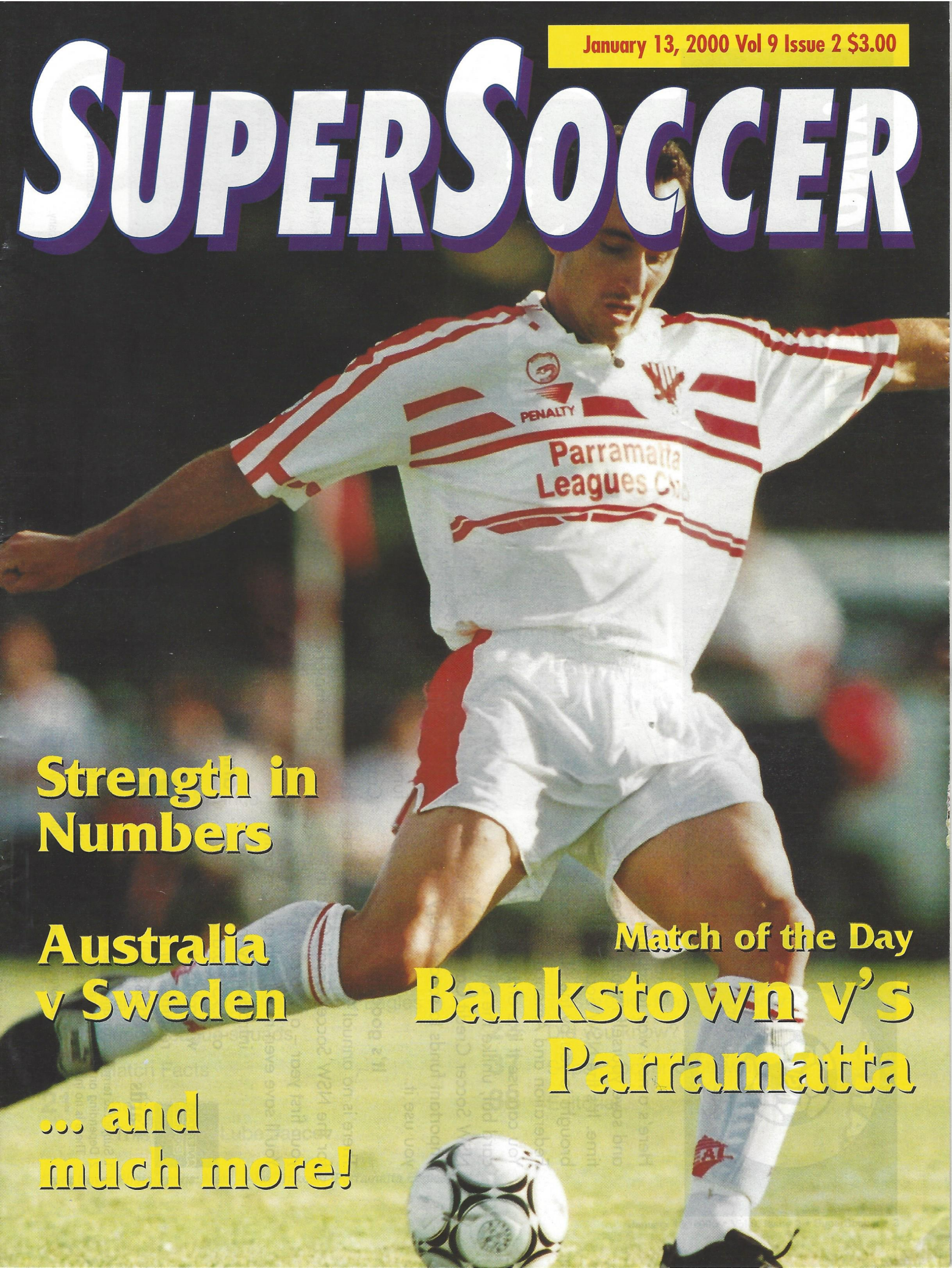

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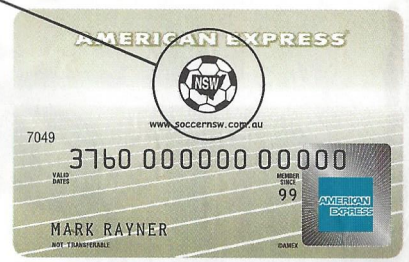

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SWEDES OUTDANCE MATILDAS

by Michael George

The fans braved the continuing unseasonably cool and wet conditions at North Sydney Oval to watch the Australian Matildas take on Sweden on Friday night.

When the two sides last clashed, the Swedes' victory ended the Matildas' hopes of advancing beyond the group matches in the 1999 Women's World Cup. The 3-1 victory qualified Sweden for the Quarter Finals, and they finished 7th in the tournament, compared with Australia's 11th place.

New coach, Chris Tanzey, made several changes to the Matildas' line-up in the first game of the four-nations Australia Cup tournament which also includes the Czech Republic and the Women's World Champions, the USA. Tanzey said that the Australia Cup is an important step in the Matildas' preparations for the Olympic Games.

The match started with an exciting midfield battle, with neither side willing to grant concessions. Both sides were guilty of clumsy fouls, particularly the Australians who played a physical game. Although not vicious in intent, the tackling disrupted the flow of the game with neither side able to settle into a rhythm.

The tightly contested midfield did not allow for many attacking opportunities from either side, but the breakthrough came for Sweden in the 15th minute.

Leanne Trimboli's goal kick held up in the wind, and Sweden took advantage and pumped the ball into Australia's penalty box. Sweden's Hanna Ljunberg took advantage of an awkward bounce and some passive Australian defence and chipped the ball over Trimboli, who had come off her line.

While the midfield battle continued, the Matildas kept their heads up. They responded to Sweden's goal in the next minute, when a free kick from Sharon Black forced the Swedish goalkeeper, Ulrika Karlsson, to dive to her right to make the save. Australia's best chance came in the 22nd minute when Katrina Boyd's free kick was perfectly taken to fly across the penalty box behind the Swedish defence. However, none of the Matildas was able to get a touch on the ball at the far post.

In the 25th minute, a low and hard corner, taken by Swedish captain Malin Andersson, caused confusion in the Australian defence. The front post defender failed to clear the ball and Cecilia Sandell was able to finish at close range to score Sweden's second goal.

The Matildas appeared disheartened by the second goal, and allowed Sweden to pick up the tempo. For the remainder of the first half, the Swedes looked clearly the better side, playing with greater commitment and confidence.

The Matildas showed more aggression from the outset of the second half, particularly through Amy Wilson in midfield who demonstrated her ability as a real ball-winner. The midfield game was still tightly contested but Australia was at least matching, if not getting the better of, the Swedes. Unfortunately for Australia, they were unable to convert this advantage into goals, with a couple of opportunities squandered.

Both coaches made ample use of their reserve players, especially Chris Tanzey, who was looking for the right combination in a squad that is still finding its feet.

For what was a pre-season game for the Swedish team, coach Marika Domanski Lyfors was pleased with the result. She

expects the Swedish team to improve as they progress further into their season, and is predicting a better performance at the 2000 Olympics. Lyfors commented that "Australia is a good team (who) will be tough in the Olympics."

Despite the result, Chris Tanzey was optimistic after the match. He used the game as an experiment to try different players in positions in the search for the most effective combination around the park.

While he conceded that the 0-2 loss was a fair result, he guaranteed a big improvement for the Olympics. He pointed to nervousness affecting the Matildas in the first half, and felt that the team "lost unity in the first half."

"I'm pleased that the girls refused to throw in the towel at half time. I thought they did better in the second half because they relaxed a bit more."

In summary, it was the Swede's ability to capitalise on defensive errors that made the difference and, while some work still needs to be done, the Matildas should take heart from their performance.

In the other opening game of the Australia Cup, the USA defeated the Czech Republic, 8-1 in Melbourne.

MATCH FACTS

Australia 0, Sweden 2
(Ljunberg, 15m; Sandell, 25m)

Australia

18. Leanne Trimboli
3. Bridget Starr
5. Dianne Alagich (yellow)
7. Alison Forman (c) (yellow)
8. Cheryl Salisbury
9. Julie Murray
11. Sharon Black (68m, Heather Garriock)
12. Bryony Duus (45m, Peita-Claire Hepperlin)
13. Katrina Boyd (62m, Sunni Hughes)
14. Sacha Wainwright (78m, Kelly Golebiowski)
16. Amy Wilson

Coach: Chris Tanzey

Sweden

1. Ulrika Karlsson
2. Karolina Westberg (yellow card)
3. Jane Tornqvist (79m, Jessika Sundh)
4. Åsa Lönnqvist Beland (82m, Linda Green)
6. Malin Moström (70m, Malin Gustafsson)
7. Cecilia Sandell
9. Malin Andersson (c)
10. Hanna Ljunberg (86m, Elin Flyborg)
11. Victoria Svensson (51m, Kirsten Bengtsson)
13. Hanna Marklund
17. Linda Fagerström

Coach: Marika Domanski Lyfors

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IF I COULD ....

We asked Parramatta Power's Joel Griffiths what he'd do if he could ...

... be the coach of a club for a day

Manchester United! A great club and a fantastic team with quality players in every position plus another team-load on the bench.

.... be another player for a day

Goes with the previous answer - David Beckham. I know he got sent off in Brazil the other day, but he's still a class player.

.... be another sportsman for a day

Michael Jordan. A great athlete who has made the most of his talent in every sense.

... correct one mistake I've made

Being rude to my mother. Not that it's a habit, but when I am I feel dreadful.

.... give advice to young players

Train hard and put in 100% effort at all times.

.... be anything other than a footballer

A surfer!

.... get my hands on $1 million to spend in a day

I'd buy a house, preferably on the water somewhere.

.... have a free supply of one thing for the rest of my life

Unlimited McDonald's would be useful.

A tale of two goa mouths: both Bankstown and Parramatta defend stoutly.

MATCH OF THE DAY

by Mark Fowler

Bankstown City Lions 0
Parramatta Eagles 0

Bankstown City Lions: 1. C Akilli, 2. K Grozdanovski, 3. M Abi-Arrage, 5. R Luksic, 6. K Josevski (16. M Lemezina 32'), 7. G Issa, 10. N Codmani, 11. G Trposki, 15. S Trpcevski (18. B Raeburn 54'), 14. A Kanaan (12. Z Younan 71 '), 17. D Zane

Shots: 15
Corners: 4
Fouls: 18
Booked: S Trpcevski 24', M Abi-Arrage 53', A Kanaan 54', G Issa 90'

Parramatta Eagles: 1. J Holmes, 2. S Xuereb (16. D Hardiman 59'), 3. G Dwyer, 4. M Meilak, 5. M Revely, 6. T Bazdaric, 7. T Panzarino, 8. A Trposki (10. T Mittiga 69'), 9. A Anderson, 11. N Josevski, 14. S Chipps

Shots: 8
Corners: 7
Fouls: 23
Booked: T Panzarino 34'

Referee: Nick Asargiotis

Super Soccer rating - 3 stars

Plenty of shots, plenty of effort and commitment but no goals summed up this clash at Jensen Park between the Bankstown City Lions and the Parramatta Eagles.

Both sides showed a number of changes from last year; not least Bankstown with the return of Coach Lube Jancev coming too late to stop a number of experienced players leaving.

The Eagles lost key players too in the off season, but have recruited well to replace the likes of Paul O'Grady, Balla Conde and Grant Bard. Those three players play in central positions in defence, midfield and attack, but Coach Roberto Viera hopes that Stephen Chipps, Tom Bazdaric and Nikolce Josevski will quickly fill some big shoes.

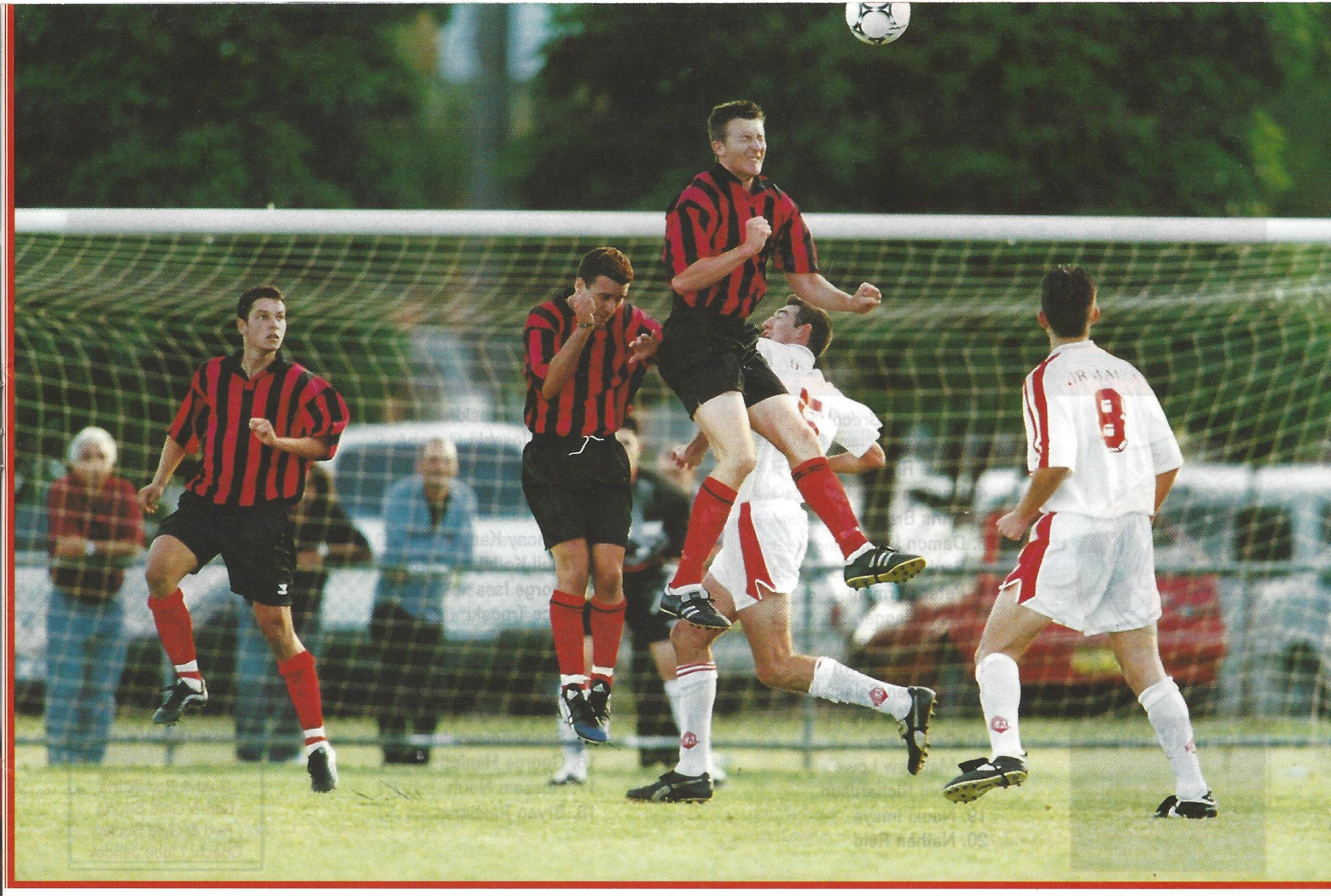
Josevski nearly started with a bang in his quest to ensure the Eagles don't miss 1999 Super league joint leading scorer Grant Bard, by putting the ball in the net after just twenty minutes. Unfortunately for him the referee's assistant correctly ruled offside. Josevski's chance came courtesy of a delightful Adam Anderson flick, and Anderson probably just shaded his strike-partner with a lively performance.

Bazdaric meanwhile gave the Eagles some real aerial threat, and he used this at both ends of the field, but it was Stephen Chipps who stood out for this observer. The partnership of O'Grady and Revely has long been a solid one, and it's to Chipps' credit that O'Grady wasn't missed.

Bankstown had goalkeeper problems going into the game; with first choice Zlatko Josevski finally serving his suspension after being sent off in the semi-final stage against the same team last year, and the reserve goalkeeper being injured. Up stepped third choice Cem Akilli though, and like Chipps he could do no more for his team.

After Nikolce's effort had been disallowed Parramatta continued to push forward in a bid to put to rest their abysmal away record of last year, and nearly took the lead when Bazdaric again out-jumped the Lions defence and headed back across goal. Akilli's foot stopped the ball entering the net, and a fortunate bounce and the endeavor of two Lions defenders stopped Anderson tucking away the rebound.

The best move of the first half also belonged to the Eagles, when Anthony Panzarino found Scott Xuereb, who laid the ball into the path of



Anderson.

Anderson again found Nikolce, whose header was well blocked by Mark Abi-Arrage.

Just five minutes before the break saw the Lions come close to scoring, Kanaan cutting inside only to see Jason Holmes in the Eagles goal save the shot well and push the ball wide for a corner.

If the Eagles shaded the first half, then the second belonged to the Lions and in particular the last 15 minutes. The introduction of Zia Younan made a huge difference to the Lions, as his attacking skills and trickery caused the Eagles some major problems. Unfortunately Younan couldn't match his approach work with a final ball. As both coaches attested after the game though, a late goal would have probably been unfair although Roberto Viera cheekily admitted if his team had scored, 'we'd have taken it!'

Younan came on after 71 minutes, and five minutes later his colourful boots had fired a shot across goal which Holmes did well to catch cleanly, as any stumble would have resulted in a goal. Akilli then saved well from the Eagles' Josevski, before Younan came close for the Lions on 86 minutes, and a minute later he was setting up Nabil Codmani who fired wide. Added to that was Mark Revely having to head away from danger in the last minute after Holmes came but couldn't collect a cross, and it left Coach Jancev reasonably happy.

'I thought it was an even game," said Jancev, " but we lack that experience and also a bit of height. We are a young side but we played with discipline and a lot of effort. We worked hard but we'll need time to put it all together."

Jancev also said that discipline off the field would be strict too, with a regular first team player from last season starting off the bench after missing some training sessions.

Eagles Coach Roberto Viera was happy collecting a point from the Lions away from home, and agreed with Jancev that it had been a close match.

"It was very even, and both teams had their chances," said Viera, "I am happy with a point here as we never usually get anything at Jensen Park."

Viera was pleased with the performance of Chipps, returning to the Eagles after spells at the NSWIS and Marconi, and also of his young guns like Panzarino, Dwyer and Anderson. These players will benefit from their first season in Super League last year, and should be ready to step up a gear in 2000.

Referee Nick Asargiotis handled the game well in front of large and vocal crowd at Jensen Park, and both teams will look to use this performance as a platform to better things during the season.

One happy note - apart from the return of Super League of course - was the sight of Eagles midfielder Anthony Mittiga coming on as a second half substitute for former Lions star Alex Trposki. Mittiga was involved in a bad car accident at the end of last season, and it was good to see him recovered and back playing soccer. All at Super Soccer wish him the best in his fight to get back to 100% match fitness.

Next week we head up to the Serbian Centre to see Bonnyrigg take on Leichhardt in what should be a thriller! Bonnyrigg will be looking to bounce back from last week's loss to St George, while many of the Super Soccer tipsters believe Leichhardt's 6-2 demolition of Sutherland is only the start of something big for the Tigers.

ROUND 2 SUPER LEAGUE

Gabbie Stadium - Saturday 15 January - Kick Off 7.00pm

Blacktown City DEMONS

1. Fernando Greco
2. Paul Yates
3. Steve Riches
4. Damien Foxe
5. Chris Bradley
6. Damon Langan
7. Paul Dee
8. Peter Sermani
9. Mark Hagger
10. Jason Bennett
11. Damien Brown
14. Brendan Salamah
15. Paul Marosevic
16. Sean Lane
17. Matthew Lowe
18. Paul Richardson
19. Naoki Imaya
20. Nathan Reid

Team Colours

Red & White/Black Shirts
Black Shorts
Black Socks
Coach: Brian Brown

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS

1. Zlatko Joseski
2. Tony Joseski
3. Tony Trpceski
4. Richard Luksic
5. Mark Abi-Arrage
6. Anthony Kanaan
7. Nabil Kodmani
8. George Issa
9. Goce Trposki
10. Damien Zane
11. Robert Issa
12. Michael Lemazina
13. Tony Velevski
14. Sasho Talevski
16. George Haniotis
17. Hossam Nouh
18. Bryan Raeburn

Team Colours

Gold & Red Shirts
Red & Gold Shorts
Red & Gold Socks
Coach: Ljube Jancev

UNDER 21'S — 5.00pm

BLACKTOWN

1. NATHAN REID
2. LEE MAYBERRY
3. RUSSELL HALL
4. MATTHEW BROWN
5. CLINT MAYBERRY
6. PETER OSBORNE
7. ROLAND WEBER
8. NATHAN WYNNE
9. ADAM KWASNIK
10. FILLIPE BACCAN
11. ROD HUTCHINSON

COACH: TOM MCMORROW

BANKSTOWN

1. CEM AKILI
2. PANDE NIKOLOVSKI
3. BEKIM AHMEDI
4. ALEN STAJCIC
5. DAVID PINTOS
6. RODNEY LOCK
7. ALEX ARDONE
8. NICK MASTLINKOVSKI
9. ANDREW STRAGYLOS
10. LARRY TRAJKOVSKI
11. JOHNNY PARCIO
12. MARK LANCASTER

RG: ADAM KURTZ

13. JOHNNY KAPARIZOV
16. SEFER YILIDIZ
17. PAUL PARRAS
20. TOM BRISKOVSKI

COACH: ALEN STAJCIC

UNDER 18'S — 3.00pm

BLACKTOWN

1. JAMES WILKINSON
2. TOM CHARLTON
3. MAT O'DONOHUE
4. BRETT MASON
5. RYAN NOBLE
6. MICHAEL CHAMPION
7. RYAN HALL
8. MAT WILLS
9. NAJIB HADDID
10. MARCUS FROST
11. FERUCCIO HANZA
12. TOM QUILTY
14. MITCHELL FRASER
15. IAN ALBERT-THENET
16. ROGER GALAYINI
17. OMAR MAKKI

COACH: PHIL MCMULLEN

BANKSTOWN

1. ANDREW MARCELINO
2. ZORAN CVETKOVSKI
3. STEVE ROLEVSKI
4. BILL SOTIROPOULOS
5. TOM MARKOVSKI
6. ALBERT CICEK
7. STEVEN STEVANOVSKI
8. CHRIS FALLICO
9. HASSAN MEHMET
10. MATTHEW POLLARD
11. CHRIS NESTAROVSKI
14. JEHAD KASSEM
15. ELIAS OCHOA
16. CARLOS ARANGO
17. NICK GORGIOSKI
18. BEN SHRIMPTON

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COACH: WALTER ALVAREZ

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Sutherland SHARKS

SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Team Colours

Blue White & Black Shirt
Black Shorts
Black Socks with white band
Coach: John Lavin

1. Dennes Olla
2. Adam Daley
3. David Tedesco
4. Clint Harrod
5. Eduardo Giraldo
6. Hakon Carlsson
7. Con Paradisis
8. Cord Tolson
9. Ali Salim
10. Matt Merralls
11. Kris Karanasos
12. Craig Hobbs
13. Jimmy Corbo
14. Malcolm Bideau
15. Phil Wurth
16. Dejan Ristovski
17. Aaron Harris

Fairfield BULLS

1. Dragon Pupovac
2. Chris Giometti
3. Phil Treharn
4. Damien Luksic
5. Michael Vrankovic
6. Salvatore Larocca
7. George Zabetakis
8. Paul Bourke
9. Mark Hoenselaars
10. Matthew Borg
11. Darren Iocca
14. Roman Nikolic
15. Michael Cavallaro
16. Milan Savic
20. Sean Cahill
22. Fernando Pelligrino
23. Devrim Huseyin

Team Colours

Blue shirts/ white trim
Blue shorts/white trim
Blue socks/ white trim
Coach: Joe Watson

UNDER 21'S 5.00pm

SUTHERLAND

1. AMIR AJANOVIC
2. SCOTT ALLISON
3. MARC BARIC
4. DAVID CAVACO
5. STEVE KAROVSKI
6. LEIGH MAGRI
7. MARK NOSWORTHY
8. ORIEL PEREZ
9. DEAN SIMPSON
10. ANDREW SMITH
11. TROY SPINK
12. NATHAN TRAJCEVSKI
13. ANDREW VRAHAS

COACH: STEWART PORTER

FAIRFIELD

1. SEAN CAHILL
2. CHARLIE AKLE
3. GELVIN SHUKUR
4. GARRY MYLES
6. JOSHUA VLAHOS
7. JOE BARILLA
8. DANIEL BUCKLEY
9. ZAIA KHNANISHO
10. DAVID D'URSO
11. EDVIN SEJRANOVIC
12. ROCKY SARKIS
16. NINOS BOBO
17. ALLAN WAWI

COACH: DANNY ABBOUD

UNDER 18'S 3.00pm

SUTHERLAND

1. JONATHAN MCCALLUM
2. JOE ARCIDIACONO
3. NATHAN BARRECA
4. CHRIS CVETKOVSKI
5. GEORGE GALOUZIS
6. TIMOTHY JESUS
7. BEN KASZNIK
8. RAY KELLY
9. JOEL KOTAMANIDIS
10. JAYSON PETROU
11. SAM RAFIQUE
12. JOSE SANCHEZ
13. MATHEW TOOGOOD
14. ANDREW WALES
15. NANA WIAFE

COACH: ALEX BAIRD

FAIRFIELD

1. STEVEN MINOVSKI
2. DALE FILLINGHAM
3. CRAIG SPEECHLEY
4. PAUL MCDERMOTT
5. HAYDEN SCHNEIDER
6. PETER CARBONE
7. PHILLIP BADOLATO
8. SARGON GERWAGIS
9. DIEGO GOURGUES
10. STEPHEN GALLARDO
11. ADAM SAMUEL
12. TIM DURIC
13. MATHEW SPINKS
14. STAVROS ARZAPITIAN
15. CHRIS ZERBINIS
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3. Ben Willard
4. Gary Attard
5. Martin Bourke
6. Matthew O'Shea
7. Ian McDonald
8. Paul Bentvelzear
9. Eric Williams
10. Adrian Macerola
11. Daniel Cummings
12. Gary Newall
13. Colin McAusland
14. Richard Lloyd
16. Tony Judge
18. Wes Horne
19. Dale Clayton

Team Colours

Maroon & Grey/White Shirts
Maroon & White/Grey Shorts
Maroon & White/Grey Socks
Coach: Brian Dene

St George SAINTS

1. Les Bihari
2. George Maglis
3. Simon Verrender
4. Nick Bolianitis
5. Michael Kladis
6. Mark Brennan
7. Max Sevares
8. Bill Petrovski
9. Angelo Petratos
10. Jim Bakis
11. Elias Augerinos
12. Matthew Galea
13. Con Sigrimis
14. Stefan Janic
15. Achilles Markopoulos
16. Manuel Papageorgiou
20. Stacy Alogdellis

Team Colours

Red with White Shirts
White Shorts/Red trim
Red Socks
Coach: John Sentas

UNDER 21'S 5.00pm

MACARTHUR

1. CHAD TAYLOR
2. CHRIS HENRICKSON
3. GREG MCDERMOTT
4. BRAD WITHER
5. BRAD ELLIS
6. LIAM ACKLAND
7. KRIS DUFFICY
8. RYAN KEARNS
9. RYAN JONES
10. NATHAN LITTLE
11. KAAN UYSEN
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COACH: SCOTT HOUGHTON

ST GEORGE

1. JAMES ADAMO
2. RYAN TOOMBS
3. ANTHONY CARLINO
4. JOHNNY FOTIADIS
5. BEN PROCTOR
6. DAISUKE NAKAYAMA
7. JAMIE DANASKOS
8. SASHA SIMONOVSKI
9. ANTHONY ADAMO
10. LUKE CAIRNEY
11. ZLATE KUZMANOVSKI
12. DAVID HOFIERKA
14. SHANE MERCER
15. DAVID O'HAN
16. BRAD CAMPBELL
17. PETER ANDRIOTIS

COACH: TREVOR TROTMAN

UNDER 18'S 3.00pm

MACARTHUR

1. DAVID SILLINCE
2. ADEL EL JAMEL
3. WADE SCHERINI
4. BRETT GILLELAND
5. BRENDAN KEARNS
6. EMANUEL MELIENDREZ
7. MARCELO GUERRERO
8. PAUL RANKIN
9. JULIAN LOPEZ
10. LEIGH MURTZ
11. VASILIUS PANOUTSOPOULOS
12. ANTHONY CASTLE
13. NATHAN WEATE
14. RHYS GILLELAND
17. SHANE RISBY
20. BEN DUGGAN

COACH: STEVE MARSH

ST GEORGE

1. JOSEPH MEOLI
2. MOHSEN DIA
3. ROSS DIBIASI
4. MOHAMMED EL-REDA
5. ONUR GUYSU
6. GLEN HENRY
7. TOMCE JANUSEVSKI
8. MATTHEW JONES
9. DONNY KULEVSKI
10. TAREK MADANI
11. NEIL MELVILLE
12. GEORGE NASTEVSKI
13. NICK NIKOLOVSKI
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Serbian Centre - Saturday 15 January - Kick Off 7.00pm

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1. Sasha Bozic
2. Sasha Utjesenovic
3. Ben Green
4. Bobby Dragas
5. Milan Crnokrak
6. David Reid
7. Javier Mancino
8. David Harding
9. Leigh Gunn
10. Johnny Ghisso
11. Paul Candelori
12. Tayfun Devrimol
14. Michael Hawrysiuk
15. Stewart Van Bentum
16. James Warburton
17. Konrad Leski
18. Rajko Mandic
19. Aydin Cetinay
20. Trinity Allen

Team Colours

Red Shirts-Blue trim
Blue Shorts-Red trim
White Socks
Coach: John Turner

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

1. Shaun Woods
2. Fabio Macolino
3. Blago Milicevic
4. Andrew Dowling
5. Michael Galluzzo
6. Vuko Tomasevic
7. Chris Lansdown
8. James Stubbs-Mills
9. David James
10. Joe Bruni
11. Steve Karavatakis
12. Andrew Nicol
13. Mite Talcevski
14. Zoki Adioski
15. Greg Fuchs
16. Anthony Tesoro
17. Chris Cowley
18. Yane Talcevski
19. Andrew Nolan
20. Mark Catelli
21. Andrew Falas
22. Joshua Bulgin

Team Colours

White Shirts *
White Shorts *
White Socks *
*All with Maroon/Sky Blue trim
Coach: Les DeCelis

UNDER 21'S — 5.00pm

BONNYRIGG

NEHAD MOSHE
3. DARIM ABDURAHMAHOVIC
4. JAVIER GELOS
5. STEVAN ANTONIC
6. LUKE SALKELD
7. JOHN DI FRANCESCO
8. JOVICA NOVAKOVIC
9. ALEX VESELINOVIC
10. MATTHEW PEARMAN
11. FABIAN VEGAS
12. DANIEL MORIN
13. BRIAN SMITH
14. LEON CHARALAMBOUS
15. DANIEL KUZIOW
COACH: DANNY BLANUSA

LEICHHARDT

1. JAMES MEYER
2. MOHAMMED MUSLEMANI
3. TOM CORTE
4. DAVID PROVAN
5. JOHN PAUL BOUTROS
6. RICKY WARD
7. ADRIAN D'ONOFRIO
8. ANGUS GOODRICK
9. PAUL LOMBARDO
10. BRETT MURRAY
COACH: BILLY MCCOLL

UNDER 18'S — 3.00pm

BONNYRIGG

1. ALI AKBAL
2. MARKO KLEUT
3. MANUEL KALLIANIS
4. MIROSLAV SEKULJICA
5. ANDREW GADDES
6. ARIF HUSEYIN
7. TROY MCCOLL
8. WALTER CHIACCHIO
9. DARRELL FERNANDES
10. MICHAEL WEST
11. SASHA MILOSAVLJEVIC
12. DANIEL BORG
13. DON CARENZA
14. SEAN MCARTHY
15. STEPHEN NELIGAN
16. HENRY SCHAPERS
17. MILAN TAMBURIC
18. UROS VUKELIC
19. CARLOS CUTIERREZ
20. LUIS ESCALANTE
COACH: VIC ELLUL

LEICHHARDT

1. CAMERON MOORE
2. PAUL NICOLAOU
3. LIAM CAMERON
4. MOUSSA CHAHINE
5. DANIEL CUNNINGHAM
6. JOSEPH CIANO
7. ROBBIE CAMPAGNA
8. MICHAEL O'RILEY
9. ROBERT TRIMBOLI
10. ANTHONY MAZZA
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12. DAVID HUTCHINSON
13. JOSH DE'KELLY
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ROUND 2 SUPER LEAGUE

Henson Park - Sunday 16 January - Kick Off 7.00pm

Canterbury M/Ville BERRIES

1. Frank Mikuletic
2. Michael Raeburn
3. Adrian Molachino
4. Simon Fedele
5. Matthew Percy
6. Zoran Ilic
7. Jose Mendes
8. Scott Wells
9. Steve Christoforidis
10. Jim Nikas
11. Angelo Markopoulos
12. Terry Sidiratos
13. Aheleas Kotsopoulos
14. Joe Ferraro
15. Rudi Nasser
16. Adrian Vizzari
17. Robert Jerkovic
18. Vince Condoluci
19. Patrick Galloway
20. Jose Bello Amigo
21. Danny Giorgokopoulos
22. Michael Tsigolis
23. Terry Palapanis

Team Colours

White Shirts
Blue Shorts
Blue Socks
Coach: John Xipolitas

Penrith PANTHERS

1. Luke Martin
3. Steve Sweeney
4. Kaan Davies
5. Ben Wright
6. Martin Driene
7. Bob Casserly
8. Chris Ackerley
9. Danny Hinton
10. Richard Astone
11. Allan Picken
15. Anthony Driene
16. Jason Lewis
18. Jonathon Grima
22. Ivan Necevski

Sandro Borsato, Brett Buckpitt, Simon Casserly, Paul Cleary, Greg Collins, Shane Crampton, John Grant, Garth Tehliwec, Greg Thomas, Alan Worobiej, and Robert Wozniczka.

Team Colours

Black Shorts
White shirts &socks with Red/Yellow/Green trim
Coach: Stan Ackerley

UNDER 21'S — 5.00pm

CANTERBURY

1. PETER SPOTHIS
2. PETER TSIGOLIS
3. DARIO TORRISI
4. MIGUEL VIEIRA
5. JOHN THEODOROPOULOS
6. ANTHONY FALAS
7. PATRICK GALLOWAY
8. JOEL DONNELLY
9. CON STAVERIS
10. GONCALO GUEDES
11. JOHN TESTONE
12. ANDREAS SOUFERLIS

COACH: ARTHUR KAZAS

PENRITH

1. LUKE MARTIN
11. ALLAN PICKEN
19. IVAN NECEVSKI

STEVE ANDREWS
KARIM BALLOOT
GREG COLLINS
LEIGH CROSS
STEVE DIMOVSKI
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NICK RYAN
JASON SCIBERRAS
GARTH TEHLIWEC
MARK TOLAND
ALAN WOROBIEJ
ROBERT WOZNICZKA

COACHS: DAVID CLOSE AND TONY STAMBOULE

UNDER 18'S — 3.00pm

CANTERBURY

1. TRISTIAN TULLOCK
2. PAUL REPETI
3. DENNIS DUNDOVIC
4. SCOTT THOMPSON
5. DANIEL VELJANOVSKI
6. ANTONY MERSIADES
7. JONATHAN VAVASIS
8. MATT CULLA
9. DAVID GIRALDO
10. ZADEN JOSE-SANDAISSI
11. MARKO GALANTE
12. EMIL FADEL
13. CHRIS KLAFAS
14. AIDEN MCBARROR
15. ARTHUR KAVGAS
16. CHRIS CARMONA
17. NICK KUZMANOSKI
18. STUART VELLA
19. PHILLIP ZABAKS

COACH: IAN RAEBURN

PENRITH

GUS ORCAJO
2. MARK MIJAS
3. DANIEL WELLS
4. PEARCE MCGUINESS
5. LUKE BOYD
6. SIMON EMMANUEL
7. DARRIN ROBERTSON
8. MATTHEW SUMEGHY
9. JOHNNY CHAVEZ
10. ULAS AVSAR
11. ASHLEY DE'ABEL
12. ADAM KOZLOWSKI
13. WASSIM BALLOOT
14. ERCAN TOPAL
15. GEOFF MENDHAM
16. DENIS ILIC
23. OWEN RODGERS
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COACH: JOSE DJALO

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SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 2

Melita Stadium- Sunday 16 January – Kick Off 7.00pm

Parramatta EAGLES

1. Jason Holmes
2. Scott Xuereb
3. Geoff Dwyer
4. Mark Reveley
5. Malcolm Meilak
6. Tom Bazdaric
7. Anthony Panzarino
8. Alex Trpkoski
9. Adam Anderson
10. Anthony Mittiga
11. Nikolce Joseski
12. George Wakim
13. Glen Meilak
14. Stephen Chips
15. Ben Delicata
20. Michael Xuereb

Team Colours

White and Red Shirts
Red Shorts
White and Red Socks
Coach: Roberto Viera

Manly Warringah Dolphins

1. Dean McCreath
2. Andre Glucina
3. Sean Robertson
4. Kelvin Foster
5. Martin Ranaldi
6. Thomaz Mikulski
7. David Kuhn
8. Keith Long
9. Mark Beldham
10. Scott McGuire
12. Marten Jagers
13. Robert Smithies
14. Christian Wheeler
15. Steve Hickman
16. Matt Godwin
17. Timothy Wilson

Team Colours

Coach: Tony Pezzano

*Please note that the allocated numbers of the Under-21 and Under-18 teams will vary.

UNDER 21'S 5.00pm

PARRAMATTA*
1. DANIEL FARIAS
2. ADRIAN MEILAK
3. DANIEL BORG
4. DANIEL CELESTINO
5. BEN SHORT
6. BRADLEY MOORE
7. ALEX MUSCAT
8. DAVID MANSUETO
9. BOBBY MARANGON
10. DANIEL MITTIGA
11. DAMIAN HARDIMAN
12. DANIEL DI LORETO
13. EDUARDO CASTRO
14. DAVID OZACARDI
15. JEFFREY FONSECA
20. MICHAEL XUEREB
COACH: TAM FINLAYSON

DOLPHINS
1. PETER DOUGHENEY
2. BARRY-JON VAN WYK
3. ANTHONY SURACE
4. ADAM WILD
5. PAUL NERO
6. TIGRAN HAROUTIOUNIAN
7. CHRIS STUBBS-MILLS
8. GAVIN YATES
9. PAUL HAYDEN
10. JUSTIN JONES
11. ANTHONY MARTIN
12. VINCE BAGNATO
13. OLIVER GOMM
14. ANDREW KING
15. ALEXANDER SCRIVEN
16. ANTHONY TALLADIRA
17. STEPHEN VISKI
21. ADAM FROST
22. ROBERT WATSON
COACH: ERIC VAN WYK

UNDER 18'S 3.00pm

PARRAMATTA*
1. PAUL BAYLEY
2. SIMON VALE
3. GARY VAN DIGGELE
4. BENJAMIN MAILER
5. GREGG JACKSON
6. ADAM MANSUETO
7. TROY STONE
8. SAMUEL NOTT
9. ALIOUNE NDIAYE
10. MICHAEL DEBONO
11. ANTUN BRCIC
12. DANIEL TOSOLINI
13. NIKOLA NACOVSKI
14. MATTHEW OSMAN
15. SIMON ZAHRA
16. TUMAY BEHA
17. NATHAN SPINKS
20. STEPHEN SALIBA
COACH: SASHA BOSKOVSKI

DOLPHINS
1. MICHAEL STEELL
2. MARK SZEWCZYK
3. JOHN DRIVAS
4. CRAIG GOSLING
5. SHAHAB KARGARIAN
6. BOGDSAV DURDEVIC
7. JAMES SHARKEY
8. BEN POGUE
9. WILSON TERUZZI
10. GARTH MORING
11. DANIAL NERO
12. IVAN TOMAS
13. KIAVASH SEIAR
14. ASHLEY SHORT
15. STIVEN KOSTANIC
16. CHRISTOPHER WATSON
17. LEE EVERSON
18. ABRAHAM AROYEN
19. MILOS MALATINEC
COACH: GRAEME COHEN

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ROUND 2 SUPER LEAGUE

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Eastern Suburbs WANDERERS

1. Costa Anastasiadis
2. David Segreto
3. Mathew Dihm
4. Craig Sharpley
5. John Pillemer
6. Matt Shepard
7. Yavuz Ekinci
8. Rudy Jerkovic
9. Jimmy Aschner
10. Steve McComb
11. Peter Pullicino
12. Aaron Holst
13. Talat Kice
14. Menios Mitakidis
15. Murat Kurn
16. Malcolm Nicholls
17. Ben Deighan
18. David Blinoff
22. Leo Premutico

Team Colours

Red Shirts-Blue sides-white collar
Blue Shorts
Blue Socks-white/red stripes
Coach: John Calleja

Central Coast COASTIES

1. Gary Meier
2. Shaun Matthews
3. Marcus Steele
4. Mark Drysdale
5. Adam Peatey
6. Steve Cutler
7. Peter Preston
8. Shane Knight
9. Nathan Byrn
10. Paul Roberts
11. Peter Ritchie
13. Brent Demery
14. Aaron Binskin
15. Wes Bennett
16. Ryan Marshall
17. Brett Jaeger
18. Mitchell Daley
19. Stuart Sontag
22. Darren Moore

Team Colours

Navy Blue Shirts-Red/White trim
Navy Blue Shorts-Red/white trim
Navy Blue or White Socks
Coach: Dale Eggleton

UNDER 21'S — 5.00pm

EASTERN SUBURBS

1. ANDREW BARTON
2. DANIEL BEVERLEY
3. BRENDIN LO
4. JOHN SKUFRIS
5. DANNY HURWITZ
6. ANTHONY MZXWELL
7. ABEY AYOUTA
8. NICK KRNCEVIC
9. SOTIA ALEXOPOULOS
10. TERRY ATSAS
11. ADEL HELAL
12. PINA MURDICA
13. ADAM FANNING
14. JOHN VELTHUYS

COACH: GRAHAM SCHOFIELD

COAST

1. MATT COLLITS
2. TRAVIS MAUDE
3. MITCHELL DALEY
4. DAN MORRIS
5. NICK PURER
6. MICK COATES
7. STEPHEN BECH
8. DANE HOKIN
9. DANIEL SURRIDGE
10. CAL ROPER
11. RYAN MCKENDRICK
12. SHAUN BREWER

COACH: ANDREW OLLIER

UNDER 18'S — 3.00pm

EASTERN SUBURBS

1. STEVE PETAN
2. DAVID DECHIARA
3. NICK BOTZOLIS
4. ARTHUR MONDAS
5. DANIEL PAREDER
6. LEE HANRATTY
7. ANTHONY CURRENTI
8. AARON VALCHOS
9. FERNANDO ALVARADO
10. DENNY DUTRA
11. MISKO POKRAJAC
12. CHRIS BELLO
13. DAVID RIZZO
14. MACARIO DESOUZA
15. PAULO OLIVEIRA

COACH: BILLY HENSHAW

COAST

1. SCOTT HORVATT
2. SCOTT JONES
3. NICK MORRIS
4. MICHAEL COOK
5. JASON DONNELLY
6. JASON MCMINIMEE
7. MARC FALZON
8. SHANE MCPARLAND
9. PETER FALLA
10. NICK WELLS
11. JAMES PERRY
12. JEFF HALL
13. STEPHEN RAYNER
14. DAVID BREWER
15. PETER LEARY
16. JUSTIN SELKIRK
17. NATHAN CARMODY
20. DANIEL KENNEDY

COACH: JOHN MCLAFFERTY

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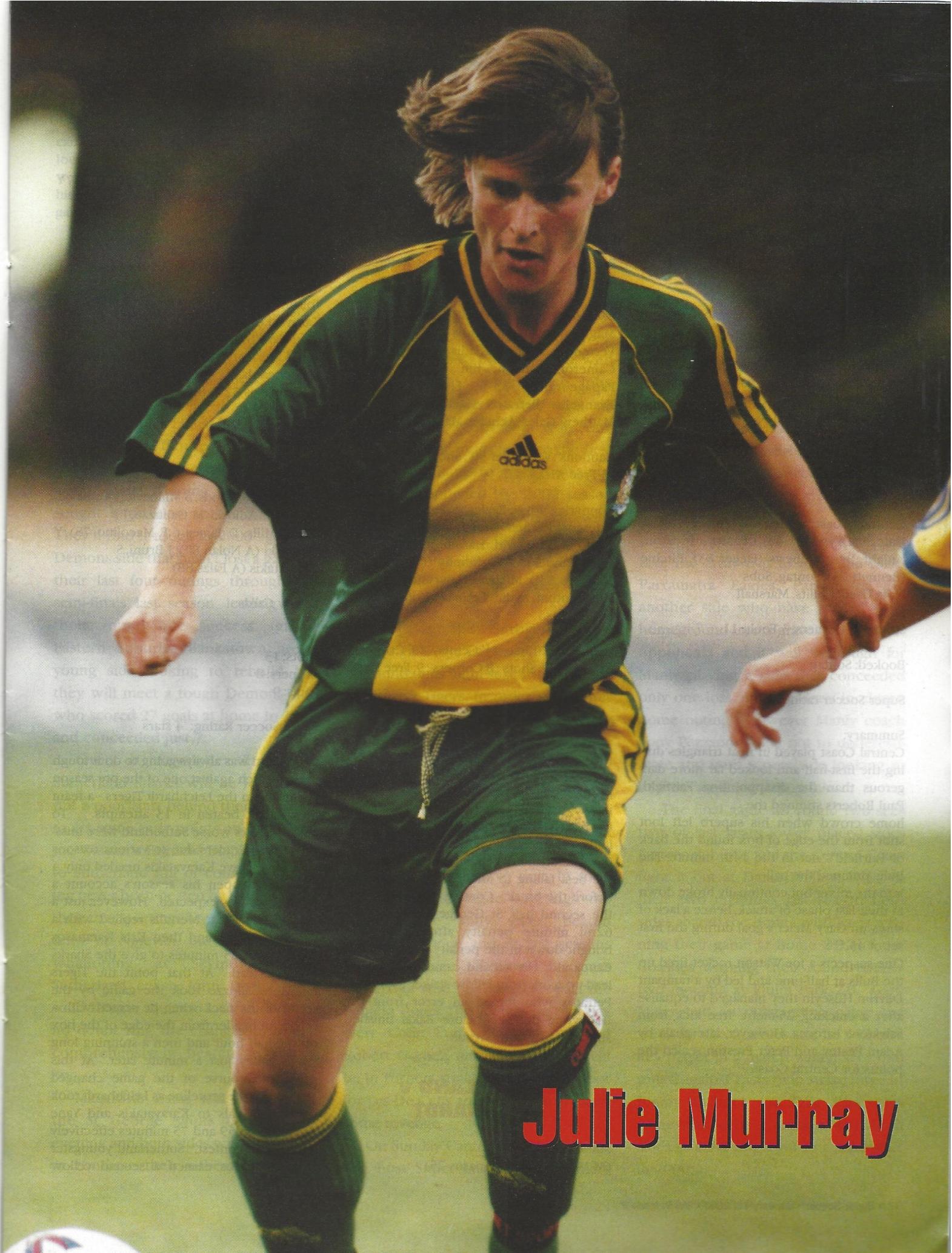


Julie Murray

Match Facts...Match Fact

NSW Super League Round 1

Fairfield Vs Central Coast

Fairfield 1 Larocca (65)
Central Coast 3 Roberts (14), Peatey (73), Preston (86)

Attendance: 530

Fairfield: Pupovac, Treharn, Luksic, Larocca, Zabetakis, Bourke (Nikolic 89), Hoenselaars, Borg, Iocca (Cavallaro 84), Pelligrino (Wawi 89), Huseyin.
Subs Not Used: Cahill

Shots: 10 Corners: 5 Fouls: 15

Booked: -

Central Coast: Meier, Matthews, Steele, Daley (Drysdale 46), Peatey, Preston, Knight, Byrn, Roberts (Jaeger 83), Ritchie (Bennett 73), Sontag. Subs
Nots Used: Collits, Marshall

Shots: 10 Corners: 3 Fouls: 11

Booked: Sontag

Super Soccer rating: 4;

Summary:
Central Coast played in neat triangles during the first-half and looked far more dangerous than the disappointing Fairfield. Paul Roberts stunned the
home crowd when his superb left foot shot from the edge of box found the back of Fairfield's net in the 14th minute. The Bulls pumped the ball
into the mixer but continually broke down in their last phase of attack, hence a lack of shots on Gary Meier's goal during the first set of 45.
One suspects a Joe Watson rocket fired up the Bulls at half-time and led by a rampant Devrim Huseyin they managed to equalise after a cracking 25-metre free kick from Salvatore Larocca. However, late goals by Adam Peatey and Peter Preston sealed the points for Central Coast.

ST GEORGE v BONNYRIGG

St George 2 (Bakis 62'pen 75') bt Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0

Referee : Craig Pierce; Assistant Referees : John Nicoloau, D.Finlay

St George : Stacey Allgodellis, George Maglis (Ryan Toombs 86'), Simon Verrender, Michael Kladis, Mark Brennan, Cameron Watson, Jim Bakis (Manuel Papageorgiou 83'), Elias Augerinos, Evangelos Petratos (Stefan Janic 79'), Matthew Galea, Achilles Markopoulos.

Cautions :Verrender 90'; Shots : 10; Corners : 5 Free Kicks : 20.

Bonnyrigg White Eagles : Sasha Bozic, Sasha Utjesenovic, Ben Green, Milan Crnokrak, David Reid, David Harding, Leigh Gunn (Paul Candelori 73'), Johnny Ghisso (Javier Mancino 55'), Michael Hawrysiuk, Stewart Van Bentum, Aydin Cetinay (Konrad Leski 62').

Cautions : Ghisso 44' Cetinay 49' Crnokrak 61' Reid 86'; Shots : 8 Corners : 9; Free Kicks : 18.

Match Rating : 4

Two goals from former UTS Olympic striker Jim Bakis was enough to give the newly promoted St George side maximum points in the season opener. Bonnyrigg started the match strongly but were unable to capitalise on their midfield superiority blowing a succession of chances in the first half, the best falling to Michael Hawyrsiuk just before the break. Coming out fired up in the second half, St George struck with a 62nd minute penalty after Bakis was bought down in the penalty box by Milan Crnokrak. His second came from strong lead-up work from fellow striker Evangelos Petratos who forced an error from the Bonnyrigg defence before Bakis finished superbly to seal the result.

SUTHERLAND v LEICHHARDT

Sutherland Sharks 2
(M Meralls 5, K Karanasos 25)

Leichhardt Tigers 6
(S Karavatakis 4, 59, M Galluzzo 30, 31, Y Talcevski 75, J Bruni 93)

Attendence: 250

Sutherland: D Olla; E Giraldo (S Allison 76), A Daley, D Ristovski; C Harrod, C Tolson (P Worth 64), A Salim, C Hobbs (S Karovski 85); M Merralls, K Karanasos (Red Card 87).

Yellow cards:
K Karanasos 52 & 87

Shots: 12
Corners: 4
Fouls: 12

Leichhardt: S Woods; B Milicevic, V Tomavic, A Nicol, Z Adioski; M Galluzzo, J Stubbs-Mills, D James (F Macolino 78), Y Talcevski (A Nolan 87); J Bruni, S Karavatakis (A Falas 88).

Yellow Cards:
Nil

Shots: 13
Corners: 8
Fouls: 9

Super Soccer Rating: 4 stars

Sutherland was always going to do it tough in this match against one of the pre season favourites in the Leichhardt Tigers - a team they hadn't beaten in 13 attempts. To make matters worse Sutherland were missing 6 First Graders due to various reasons and when Steve Karavatakis needed only 4 minutes to open his season's account a whitewash was expected. However, just a minute later Matt Merralls replied with a far post header and then Kris Karanasos scored after 25 minutes to give the Sharks a shock lead. At that point the Tigers Michael Galluzzo took the game by the scruff of the neck when he scored with a powerful header from the edge of the box on the half hour and then a stunning long range volley just a minute later. At this point the course of the game changed along with the scoreline as Leichhardt took control. Goals to Karavatakis and Yane Talcevski on 59 and 75 minutes effectively ending the contest. Sutherland youngster Kris Karanasos earned a second yellow

s...Match Facts...

card on 87 minutes while Tigers debutant Joe Bruni really rubbed salt into the wounds with a 93 minute strike to register his team's sixth in the dying seconds of the game.

What the ratings mean:

(	Should have stayed home
((	Average game
(((	A good contest
((((	We're glad we went
(((((	A real cracker!

ROUND 2 PREVIEW with Greg Stock

Round Two of Super League sees some very interesting clashes. At Gabbie Stadium Blacktown fresh from their opening round success host their old sparring partners Bankstown City Lions. In last seasons corresponding fixture it was a 2-1 win to the Lions who were in the midst of a four game winning streak as they sought a position in the final five. They'll find it tough in 2000 against a Demons side that hasn't lost a game in their last four outings through the semi-finals last season, leading onto their round one success against Eastern Suburbs. Bankstown are a young side looking to rebuild but they will meet a tough Demons side who scored 27 goals at home in 1999 and conceeded just 7.

Over at Seymour Shaw, the Sutherland Sharks will be looking to put a poor start behind them in order to get some early points on the board. Joe Watson's Fairfield Bulls will come to Sutherland full of confidence having never been beaten by the Sharks in their two meetings.The first was a 1 all draw at Ninevah, the second a 5-0 whalloping at Seymour Shaw. Sutherland coach John Lavin has a solid 18 man squad to look to, and will no doubt ring the changes to a side comprehensively beaten in round one.

Macarthur Rams will be meeting the St George Saints on Saturday evening and both sides will be looking to continue their unbeaten runs. In eight previous meetings it is the Saints who hold the honours winning on four occassions to the Rams two, with two draws. St George coach John Sentas freely admits that his side is still three or four weeks away from producing its best so it could be the best time for the Rams to meet the Saints. Brian Dene opened the 2000 season with a draw away from home and with Eric Williams netting their only goal in another solid display the Saints defence will have to keep their eye on the job.

Over at the Serbian Centre Bonnyrigg White Eagles will be taking on round ones highest scoring side the Leichhardt Tigers. In order to counter the Tigers undoubted attacking style John Turner will welcome back five players to his squad who were unavailable for their first round match with St George. Bobby Dragas, James Warburton and Tayfun Devrimol are all quality stoppers who will bolster the White Eagles defensive unit. In fourteen previous league meetings the Tigers have only ever beaten Bonnyrigg twice and in last seasons corresponding fixture it was Bonnyrigg who put five goals past the hapless Tigers. The scorers on that day were Colin Luff who got four and Robert Gomez, neither of which will be in Turners squad, opening the door for Les De Celis and his Tigers to exact some revenge.

On Sunday Canterbury-Marrickville will host Super League new comers Penrith in what is expected to be a tightly contested match. Canterbury turned Henson Park into a graveyard for visiting sides last season, losing only twice and conceeding a miserly 12 goals in 11 appearances there. Stan Ackerley's boys will be briming with confidence after a successful start to their debut Super League season and a quality game is assured.

At Melita Stadium, Manly Warringah take the away trip to meet the hosts Parramatta Eagles. Parramatta are another side who have turned their homeground into a graveyard for their opponents and it will be tough for Manly playing a side that conceeded only one loss and one draw in eleven home outings. However Manly coach Tony Pezzano is one not to underestimate and with a new side looking to impress anything is possible.

The final game for round two sees two of last years lower placed sides Eastern Suburbs and the Central Coast fight it out at David Phillips Field. In their two meetings last season both sides shared the points with Easts winning their game at home 2-0 and the Coasties winning their round twenty two meeting at Pluim Park 2-0. Gary Meier had an outstanding game last week for the Coasties and he will be a key player in a match which sees him pitted against Easts twin strike force of Jimmy Aschner and Talat Kice. This game should be a cracker with both sides looking to get off to a solid start in 2000.

Super League 2000

First Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Leichhardt Tigers	1	1	0	0	6	2	4	3
Canterbury Marrickville	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Central Coast	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
St George	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Blacktown City	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Penrith Panthers	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Macarthur Rams	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Parramatta Eagles	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bankstown City Lions	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern Suburbs	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Fairfield Bull	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Manly Warringah	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Sutherland Sharks	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0

Grade 21	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Penrith Panthers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Manly Warringah	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Central Coast	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Parramatta Eagles	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Fairfield Bull	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3
Leichhardt Tigers	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	1
Blacktown City	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Eastern Suburbs	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
St George	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sutherland Sharks	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Canterbury Marrickville	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Macarthur Rams	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Bankstown City Lions	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0

Grade 21	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Parramatta Eagles	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Blacktown City	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Fairfield Bull	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Manly Warringah	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Leichhardt Tigers	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
Penrith Panthers	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Macarthur Rams	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Sutherland Sharks	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Central Coast	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Eastern Suburbs	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Canterbury Marrickville	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Bankstown City Lions	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
St George	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

RESULTS

Home Team	Away Team	1st Grade	Grade 21	Grade 18
Fairfield Bulls	Central Coast	1-3	1-0	3-1
Sutherland Sharks	Leichhardt Tigers	2-6	2-2	2-3
St George	Bonnyrigg White Eagles	2-0	0-0	0-4
Penrith Panthers	Macarthur Rams	1-1	3-1	1-1
Manly Warringah	Canterbury Marrickville	1-3	4-2	2-0
Bankstown City Lions	Parramatta Eagles	0-0	1-3	0-3
Eastern Suburbs	Blacktown City	1-2	1-1	1-3

TIPS

Last week, we had a preview of the whole season - this week our team of tipsters try their luck on Round 2.

	Bonnie Mersiades	Paul Goodwin	Mark Fowler	Stuart Veitch
Blacktown v Bankstown	Blacktown	Blacktown	Blacktown	Draw
Sutherland v Fairfield	Fairfield	Sutherland	Fairfield	Sutherland
Macarthur v St George	Draw	St George	Draw	St George
Bonnyrigg v Leichhardt	Draw	Leichhardt	Bonnyrigg	Draw
Canterbury-M v Penrith	Canterbury-Marrickville	Draw	Canterbury-Marrickville	Draw
Parramatta v Manly-W	Parramatta	Parramatta	Parramatta	Parramatta
Eastern Suburbs v Central Coast	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs

The Coaches:

Bankstown's Lube Jancev

In the second of our series on Super League coaches, Stuart Veitch talks with Lube Jancev.

The return of 1994 Championship winning coach, Lube Jancev, to Bankstown City Lions has supporters of the club buoyant with anticipation that Jancev will once again bring the Club the success.

In that memorable year, Bankstown won the "treble" - finishing outright League winners, winning the Grand Final and claiming the Waratah Cup, after coming from behind to defeat NSL giants, Sydney Olympic. The football played by the team of '94 was of the highest quality and the crowds were counted by the thousands.

Since then, the Club has lost its way somewhat, both on and off the pitch - as reflected in the merry-go-round of coaching appointments in recent times. Supporters of the club see the appointment of Lube Jancev as coach in 2000 as a sign of a reinvigorated Bankstown City.

Lube Jancev's association with Australia began in 1972, when as a 24 year old he disembarked from the ship Galilei Galileo to play with premier Melbourne club, Preston Makedonia.

Jancev grew up in the industrial city of Veles (current population 57,000) in Macedonia, around 50km south of the capital, Skopje, on the Vardar river. At 15, he was taken on by his home club Borec (Macedonian first division), and he broke into the first grade team by his 16th birthday. He spent the remainder of his Macedonian-based playing career with Borec.

Former Preston Makedonia player and office bearer, George Krashow, remembers the young Lube Jancev as a skillful striker who liked to run at defences to exploit his pace and skill. Many at Preston rate Jancev along with Zarko Odzarkov (who went on to play for the Socceroos) as the best of their imports. So it must have been with some sadness that, after only three seasons with Preston Makedonia (1972-74), a homesick Jancev returned to Macedonia.

But it was not long before he was back. After one season away, he returned to Australia for a one-term spell with Essendon Croatia (today's Melbourne Knights) followed by a few years in minor leagues in Victoria.

However, Jancev remained unsettled and by 1980 was once again back in his native Veles for what was intended to be a brief visit, but which lasted eight years.

In what has been a recurrent theme in his life, Lube was waylaid by a football opportunity too good to refuse when he was offered a position on the coaching staff of his beloved Borec. After four years, he was in charge of the first team which finished second in 1986-87. The following season, Jancev coached rivals Sasa to the championship.

Meanwhile in Australia, Preston Makedonia (at that time competing in the NSL) were in an unfamiliar position at the foot of the table, and Lube was enticed back to Melbourne to assist with the relegation battle.

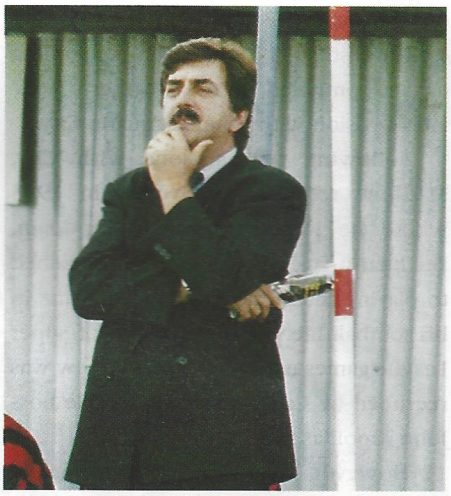
Mission accomplished, Preston appointed Jancev as coach for the 1989-90 season. In a difficult season - in which Jancev lost stars, Andrew Zinni and Warren Spink, for long periods due to injury - Preston finished 9th in the then 14-team competition. Supporters of Preston at that time remember Jancev as a coach who established a good rapport with his players, and created an atmosphere of comradeship in the team, while also recognising the need for a good relationship with fans.

The following season saw John Gardiner take over at Preston, while Jancev moved north to Sydney in 1990, for personal reasons. It is a measure of Preston's high regard for Jancev that the Club worked hard to persuade him to return for the 2000 season.

A short time with Rockdale City preceded Jancev's first spell at Bankstown City, which ended in 1994, when he again departed to coach in Macedonia.

Upon returning to Australia, Jancev settled in the Illawarra region, where he coached Illawarra Lions for three seasons until convinced to return to Bankstown City, much to the delight of players and supporters. Long time Bankstown City defender and former Australian Under 17 player, Tony Josevski, is relishing the sense of purpose and commitment which Jancev has brought to the club. Josevski believes this season's squad will pleasantly surprise, despite its obvious inexperience. Sweeper Richard Luksic appreciates the more disciplined approach which Jancev has brought to the club.

As for the coach himself, Lube Jancev sees season 2000 as one of laying the foundations for the future, and would be more than delighted to see his squad challenging for a spot in top five. He is careful to point out that the success of 1994 came after three years of hard work, and sees his priority for 2000 as being to develop the talent of young players such as Goce Trpski (from Rockdale City) and keeper Zlatko Josevski.



FACT FILE

Lube Jancev
Date Birth : 15 September 1947
Clubs (as a player) : Borec (Macedonia);, Preston Makedonia, Essendon Croatia (Melbourne Knights)
Clubs (as a coach) : Borec, Sasa (Macedonia); Preston Makedonia, Rockdale City, Illawarra Lions, Bankstown City.

The Captains

Matthew Percy

In tandem with our series of articles on The Coaches, we're also profiling each of the Super League captains - starting with Canterbury-Marrickville's Matthew Percy who spoke with Binesh Mudaliar.

20th Century Matthew

Born in Sydney in 1974, Matthew Percy began his club football career at just 4 years of age playing for Narrabeen. By the time he had reached his mid-teens, he was rewarded with a first-grade spot at Camden Haven, a club located near the coastal town of Port Macquarie. Moving to Newcastle at 17, Matthew's burgeoning career continued in the Northern NSW First Division with Lake Macquarie City.

Following two seasons with City, Matthew returned to Sydney in 1993 where he joined Super League team, Leichhardt Tigers, where he was switched to playing in defence for the first time in his football life. With a handful of Super League games under his belt, Matthew was recruited by Canterbury-Marrickville boss John Xipolitas the next season.

However, Canterbury's promising recruit had a disappointing start to the 1994 season with clearance issues sidelining him for the first ten games of the campaign. When Matthew eventually pulled on the blue and white, he helped Canterbury-Marrickville reach the 1994 Grand Final against Bankstown and the Waratah Cup Final against Sydney United one season later.

Matthew's form in his initial season with Canterbury-Marrickville earned him selection for the NSW Under-23 side's tour of Korea in 1994, where he played alongside current Olyroo and Burnley defender, Mark Robertson.

21st Century Matthew

To the present, and a burning desire within Matthew remains his quest for a Grand Final victory with the 'Berries. Being on the vanquished side in 1994, as well as the Waratah Cup loss to Sydney United in 1995, has served only to whet the midfielder's desire for glory.

"I know Canterbury is good enough to finish in the top three at season's end, therefore giving us a good chance to throw everything at the flag. I think our toughest opponent will be Blacktown while Leichhardt, Bonnyrigg, and Fairfield look strong as well. All in all it should be a very even competition in 2000.

"On a personal level, I'm looking forward to an injury-free year. I've played the previous two seasons at reduced capacity due to injury. I'm looking forward to finally being fully fit," said Matthew.

A recent graduate in a Bachelor of Applied Science (Podiatry) from the University of Western Sydney, Matthew has joined forces with Balmain Australian Rules player David Bugg, in starting up their own practice within City Clinic on Crown, a multidisciplinary sports-injury centre in the heart of Sydney.

"I feel that I am a part of a new wave in sports medicine. City Clinic is very specialised with a fully equipped rehabilitation and corrective exercise facility. This means we can progressively monitor the 'training effect' on injury and keep the patient at a peak fitness level before we OK their return to the paddock. As a soccer player, I realise the importance of receiving good quality treatment, with a greater understanding of exactly what is going on and how to push an injury during the recovery phase.

Matthew at work at City Clinic.

"I also think it is very important for sports people to look to the future. The reality is we're not going to play sport forever! Podiatry, and City Clinic will keep me involved in sport long after I eventually retire."

FACT FILE

Name : Matthew Percy
Date-of-Birth : 26 September 1973
Place-of-Birth : Sydney, NSW
Super League Club : Canterbury Marrickville
Jersey Number : 5
Representative Honours : Port Macquarie United, Northern NSW Juniors, NSW Under-23 (1994), Uniroos (1999)
Find out more about Matthew's work via the City Clinic Website www.cityclinic.com.au

Update on Coerver

The International Director of Coerver Coaching, Alf Galustian, recently visited Australia to brief local Coerver staff on progress of the world-wide 'New Era' Coerver Coaching techniques, as well as several new products to be released later this year.

While in Australia, Alf also conducted Coerver refresher courses for current Coerver coaches, and assessed forty candidates as new Coerver coaches. Participants in the new coaches' program were drawn from Adelaide, Darwin, country NSW, the Gold Coast and all over Sydney which will help spread the Coerver program which has so successfully been run in NSW for several years.

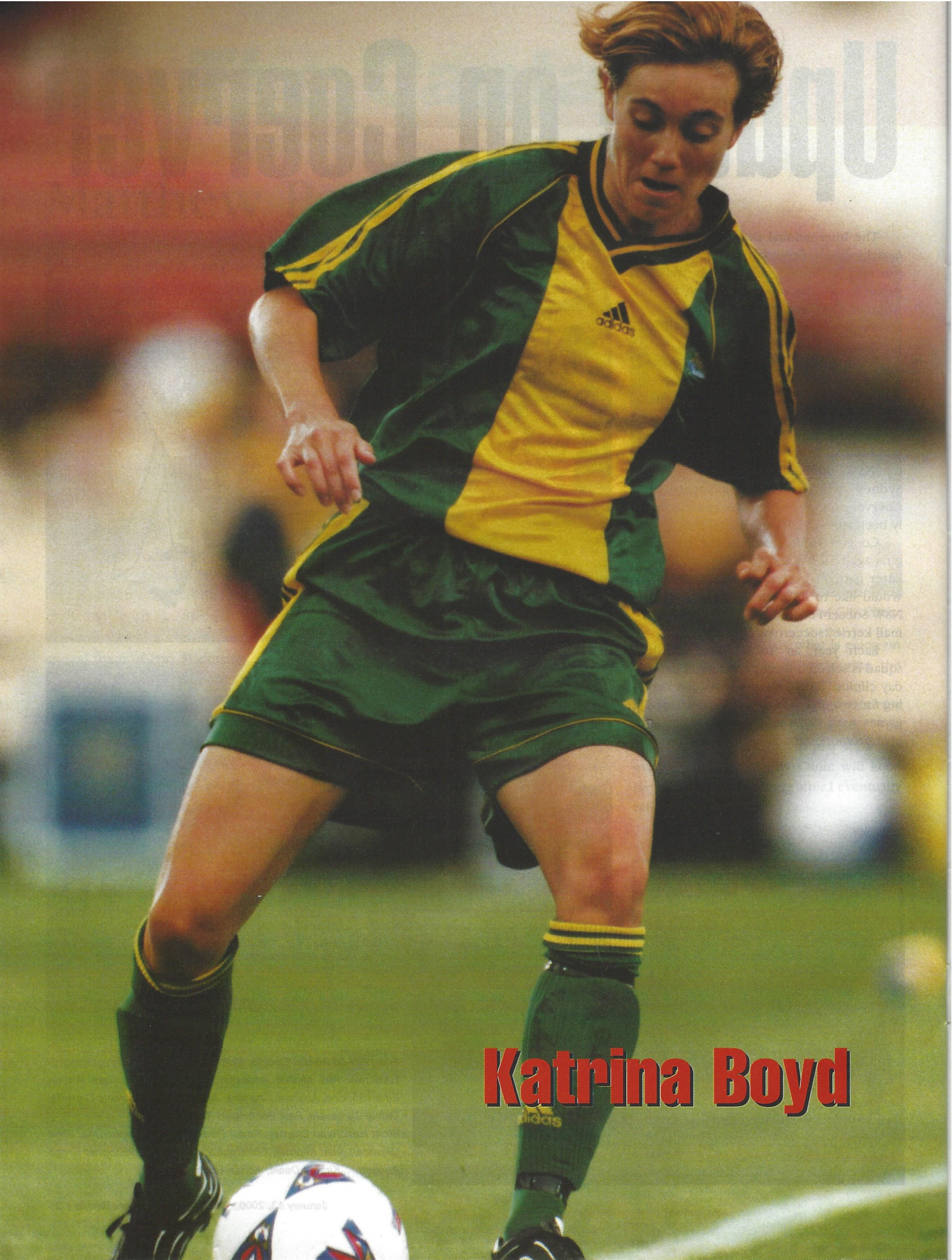
Coerver Holiday Clinics for boys and girls aged 8-13 years are being held in the latter part of the school holidays. If you would like to find out more, contact the NSW Soccer Federation on 9629 1800 or e-mail kerrie@soccernsw.com.au

Each year, an Adidas Coerver Skill squad is selected from participants in holiday clinics. Squad members receive training for two nights each week, play friendly games with clubs and visiting teams and give promotional demonstrations.

Alf Galustian with white board at the refresher course.

Members of the Adidas Coerver Skill Squad assist Alf in demonstrations to new coaches.

The 1999-00 Adidas Coerver Skill Squad:
Back row: Phil McColl (Manager), Kirby Litterick, Jake Andre, Ethan Simone, Avishaal Chandra, Jason Booke, Domenic Garreffa, Daniel Carnevale, Paul Bentvelzen (Coach)
Front row: Ryan Blayney, Karim Reda, Matthew Papandrea, Rhys Giovenali, Alan Kearney, Christopher Johnston, Christopher Grego
Absent: Kirsten Deale, Adrian Ucchino


Katrina Boyd

DID YOU KNOW?

with Greg Stock

Super Soccer presents a new, regular section on Did You Know? which gives Super Soccer readers a chance to ask our resident expert, Greg Stock, anything they like about soccer in New South Wales. Greg is an enthusiastic historian of the local game and, along with colleagues Andrew Howe and Thomas Esamie, helps to maintain the statistical section of the Oz Soccer web site (http://ozsoccer.thehub.com .au).

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If you stump him, we'll give you a complimentary double pass to the Super League Grand Final in July! Please include your name and address with your question.

How long has Super League been going?

Super League has been the premier competition in New South Wales since 1992. It was initially established as a 12-team competition but soon grew to encompass a 14-team competition in 1993 and again in 1995 and 1996. In 1997 it was an uneven 11 team competition following the late withdrawal of Adamstown Rosebud prior to the season kick-off. In seasons 1998 and 1999 the competition was again composed of twelve teams while a change in format has seen the competition again expanded to include 14 teams this season.

Out of the original 1992 competition only five teams have remained in the top flight throughout the competition's eight seasons. They are Bonnyrigg White Eagles (originally known as Avala), Blacktown City, Bankstown City (originally known as Sydney Macedonia), Canterbury-Marrickville and the Sutherland Sharks. Also in the inaugural competition was the Warringah Dolphins, Canberra Metro, Adamstown Rosebud, Wollongong Macedonia, Rockdale Ilinden, St George BSC and Eastern Suburbs. St George and Eastern Suburbs are now back in the Super League but have spent time in Division One.

Prior to 1992, the NSWSF competition history stretches way back to 1957 when the original New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs was established in January of that year. The Federation took over the running of the competition from the New South Wales Soccer Football Association which had been the controlling body of the game in Sydney since 1943 and who ultimately relinquished control of running the top level of football competition in 1959.

Who is the leading all-time goal scorer in Super League?

None other than Leichhardt captain Steve Karavatakis who has scored 83 Super League goals (including finals) over 7 seasons. Karavatakis originally started his Super League career in 1993 with CYC Stanmore Hawks and has played for St George, Parramatta Eagles and now the Leichhardt Tigers.

Second on the list is former Bankstown City and Parramatta Eagles forward Scott Gilbert who has accrued 56 goals followed by current Parramatta Eagles striker Nikolce Joseski and ex-Blacktown City and Warringah Dolphins forward Stuart Cleary both level on 49 goals.

It is quite possible that if he stays injury free Karavatakis could well pass milestone of 100 goals in Super League before the season ends.

You can match your tipping skills against our Super Soccer experts.

Just send in your predictions for the top three places in Super League 2000 at the end of the home-and-away season, and you could win an autographed Socceroo shirt. Entry forms must be in by 4 February 2000.

Send to:

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Just write your top three teams on the back of an envelope with your name, address, e-mail and telephone number.

The winner will be announced in Super Soccer in August.

SO, YOU NOTICED?

If you're a keen follower of Super League, you will have noticed the team line-ups for Blacktown and Eastern Suburbs in our first edition were way off-beam. Our apologies - both clubs supplied up-to-date lists to meet printing deadlines, and these were supplied to the typesetter and publisher also in plenty of time, but .... well, these things happen. (All other club listings were as supplied by clubs at the time of going to print).

So, if you would like a chance to win a genuine Fiorentina shirt - courtesy of Australia's Paul Okon - just tell us which season's Blacktown and Eastern Suburbs squads actually appeared in last week's Super Soccer. Was it:

(a) 1999
(b) 1998
(c) 1997

Entries close on 21 January 2000 and should be e-mailed to info@soccernsw.com.au or write your answer on the back of an envelope and send it to:

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MILAN BLAGOJEVIC

A POWERHOUSE FOR PARRAMATTA

by Paul Goodwin

Many of the first wave of players who have ventured overseas with the hope of full-time professionalism and good contracts, are now their way home again. As the number of full time clubs in Australia increases so, too, should the number of players returning.

by Paul Goodwin

One such player is Milan Blagojevic, who turned 30 on Christmas Eve and is playing at the peak of his ability.

So versatile and stylish throughout his highly successful career, Blagojevic has looked the consummate performer since switching across to NSL newcomers Parramatta Power from Sydney Olympic at the end of last season.

Milan grew up in the south west of Sydney, but unlike many of his contemporaries he did not begin to play until he was 13.

He had a season with Cabramatta Police Boys club and then joined the Under 14s at NSW State League club, Avala, where his father Dusan was later to become his team manager.

He impressed Avala's supporters and committee immediately.

Veteran Avala (now Bonnyrigg White Eagles) administrator Jack Cirjanic remembers young Milan well.

"Milan went through the ranks very quickly. We noticed that he had natural ability immediately and he became a very popular figure with our supporters, as he was such a good sportsman."

Another admirer was former Bonnyrigg coach Tom Mihajlovic who would like to have hung onto him longer. Milan was still a teenager when he broke into first grade and, according to Mihajlovic, was very mature for his age.

"He was very skilful and had an excellent reading of the game. His passing was one of his best attributes and I would have to say that he is the complete player.

"If it had not been for injuries, he would have achieved even more, but he has done well to keep playing after two major knee operations," concluded Mihajlovic.

An influential coach in Milan's early career was former Bonnyrigg, Apia-Leichhardt and Heidelberg coach, Mike Urukalo.

Urukalo took him to Apia where he sampled NSL soccer for the first time as a 19 year old. At 21, he suffered the first of his knee injuries, but he managed to continue to play with no apparent inconvenience after a knee reconstruction.

When Urukalo left for Asia, Manfred Schaeffer coached him at Lambert Park, before Milan left to link with Marconi, under Bertie Mariani.

During this period, Milan also played for the Young Socceroos, the Olyroos - as part of the 1992 Barcelona squad which reached the semi-finals - and the Socceroos.

Blagojevic ventured overseas and landed at Dutch side Heerenveen, close to Groningen in the north of the country. While he showed huge potential, the local players' union would not allow him a work permit and he had to settle for youth team outings. In one such match against Ajax, he suffered his second setback - this time an injury to his other knee.

He stayed in The Netherlands for two seasons and was well looked after by the club and its doctors, but decided to return to Australia, going first to Heidelberg where he linked again with Urukalo and then moving on to Sydney Olympic to rehabilitate himself.

Once fit again, he found that the Bosman case in Europe made it a less attractive proposition for foreign clubs to sign him from Australia, as a whole swag of European players had become free agents. While that situation has changed now, with players securing longer contracts, at the time Milan was not in a position to bargain and instead headed for Malaysia so he could continue his full-time career.

After two good seasons in Malaysia, he returned to Australia with the prospect of being full-time with Sydney Olympic.

Since returning to Australia this time around, he has also begun to explore other interests, such as research and commentary for Fox Sports alongside Andy Paschalidis, and for C7/Optus.

Milan would like to continue his career in football, either in television or in coaching, but at this stage believes that, if he takes care of himself, he can continue playing until he is 36 or 37.

His displays so far this term for Parramatta, which includes a spell as captain, suggest that he is still as good as ever and is clearly in the vanguard of former overseas based players who will again grace the National League.

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Frankly Farina

Socceroo coach, Frank Farina, writes for us each month.

Farina with steve Corica (left) and Ned Zelic (right) in Sydney in November last year.

Through all my years in football, there's one thing that's certain: for every person who is involved in the game or follows it, there's an equal number of opinions plus one!

As a player I used to get a lot of advice. As a coach I receive even more! I see this as part and parcel of the job, and it doesn't worry me in the slightest - but it's always fascinating to hear or read the wide divergence of views.

Just recently, I was interested to read some criticism of the fact that Australia is playing some games next month in Chile and Hungary. Yet, for years, so many people have said the senior national team needs more match practice - and specifically, more tournament practice.

Next month, I am taking a squad to Chile for a four-nations tournament against Chile, Bulgaria and Slovakia. A week later, we're off to Europe to play Hungary in Budapest, and at the end of March we meet the Czech Republic, probably in Prague.

I am delighted with these games. For a start, each of the countries we're playing are ranked significantly higher than us on FIFA rankings - in fact, the Czech Republic currently lies second behind Brazil and ahead of France. While some believe these rankings don't mean much, they are nonetheless the system used in our world game and playing against quality opposition gives us the opportunity to advance from our current position of 89th, given some good results. If we can improve our position, it will also help us get more games against fancied opponents - particularly in Europe where many of the Socceroos are based.

These Europe-based games will be set to tie-in with the international calendar. For example, both the Hungary and Czech Republic games are scheduled for dates which have been designated for 'international games' by FIFA for more than twelve months. It is unfortunate, therefore, that the two Scottish giants - Rangers and Celtic - have decided to play a postponed match from September last year on the day we play Hungary. Three Socceroos are involved in this one match - Mark Viduka, Craig Moore and Tony Vidmar, but we're certainly not the only national team affected. My colleagues from the USA, Israel and Sweden have all voiced their concern about the Old Firm fixture!

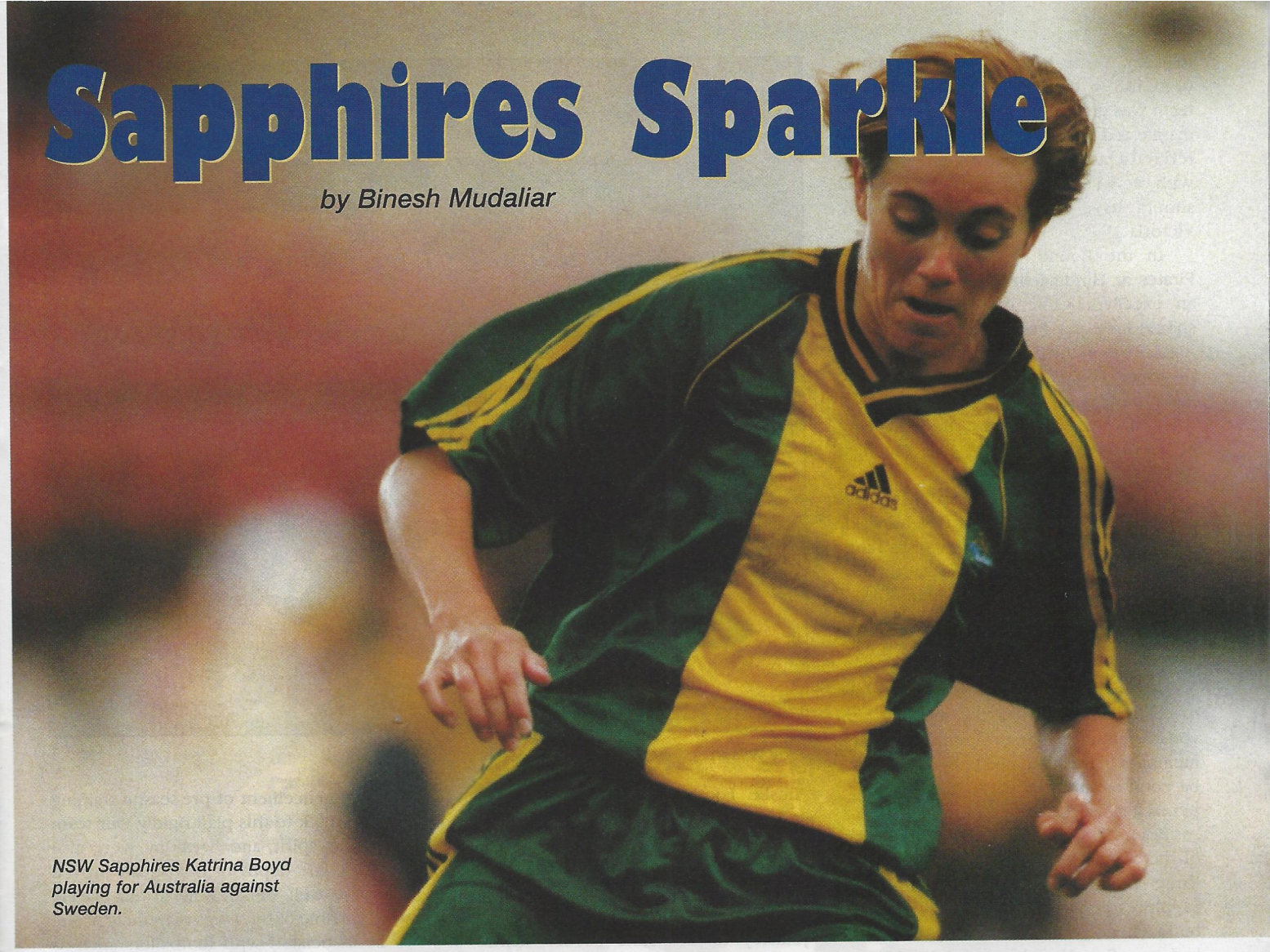
Notwithstanding this, I would like to see the Socceroos playing European opposition in Europe on designated international days using our European-based players as far as practicable, and I have drawn-up a draft calendar into the first half of 2001 on this basis.

In the meantime, I have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up on some international games in Australia, with both the men's and women's Olympic teams in action this month in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Frank Farina

Sapphires Sparkle

by Binesh Mudaliar



NSW Sapphires Katrina Boyd playing for Australia against Sweden.

The Ansett Australia Summer Series is this country's showpiece event for elite female footballers.

Rated as one of the toughest domestic competitions in women's football, the Ansett Summer Series began in 1996-97, with the fourth series finishing in November last year.

Six teams participated in the 1999 series - the NSW Sapphires, the ACT Academy of Sport Canberra Eclipse, Northern NSW Pride, the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Sting, the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Pirates, and the Victoria Vision. The teams had ten rounds of home and away matches with the top two ranked sides after the tenth round playing off in a Grand Final.

The NSW Sapphires dominated the competition, and finished both minor premiers and champions, with their nearest rival coming from the SASI Pirates.

Super Soccer's Binesh Mudaliar met with former Sapphires' coach, Cyrille Ndongo-Keller, the former Cameroon international and star of West Adelaide, who took over from former Jean-Paul de Marigny as coach of the NSW Sapphires earlier in the year. Cyrille Ndongo-Keller left the position before Christmas to join SOCOG.

Super Soccer (SS): How were the players drawn together to form the Sapphires?

Cyrille Ndongo-Keller (CN-K): For the first time since the inception of the Ansett Australia Summer Series, we threw the doors open to Women's Super League players, which is the highest state-based competition in NSW. So in the final squad of twenty-five, we had players from the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS), Marconi, Sutherland, Sydney United, as well as the five automatic selections from the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

SS: How did you approach pre-season training?

CN-K: The squad was finalised only six weeks before the start of the series due to Super League finals still being in progress. We eventually started training in August and there were two major aspects. The first was Physio-Technic, which was basically achieving a certain level of fitness so that the players had the physical capacity to carry out on-field instructions. The second aspect was Tactico-Technic and the highlight of this stage was several friendly matches against strong opposition in a period of two weeks. This enabled me to gauge how responsive players were to different tactics and different positional play and also how good their recuperation was following the matches.

SS: Take our readers through the season, Cyrille.

CN-K: We started the campaign very well. Our possession-type game was exciting to watch. The Sapphires first match was away to Northern NSW and the 3-1 victory gave our players a lot of confidence.

In Round Two we defeated QAS 1-0 at Valentine Sports Park. I was especially pleased with the adaptability and fight our team showed given the wet conditions on

that day. We had a good 4-1 win at home to ACTAS in the 3rd round but I felt the team was growing over-confident and this manifested itself in round 4 where we relaxed a tad against Victoria and ended up with a 4-1 win when the scoreboard should have read NSW Sapphires 10, Victoria 1!

In the Round 5 match against the Pirates at Hindmarsh Stadium we played an excellent game of football and we should have put five goals past the South Aussies but in the end a scoreless draw had to suffice. The players were hurt that they had dropped points in this match and I think that this was a sign of their growing belief that the Sapphires were the best team in the competition.

Prior to the Round 6 match against Northern NSW we lost Kelly Golebiowski, Joanne Peters, Bridgette Starr, Anissa Tann-Darby, and Heather Garriock to the Matildas tour of China while Julie Murray was selected for a World All-Stars team to play in America against the World Cup winners. But our 3-0 win against Northern NSW was our best performance in terms of testing the depth of the squad. When you are missing six first-team players, other members of the team need to stand up and be counted and this is exactly what happened against the Pride.

Round 7 saw our one and only defeat of the season. We arrived in Brisbane just three hours before kick-off and the Sapphires played like a mentally fatigued outfit - hence our 3-1 loss to QAS. We still had our five Matildas and Julie Murray missing and Danielle Clarke (sickness) and Kristine Collins (HSC) were also absent but I feel that with proper travel arrangements we could have taken the points at Suncorp Stadium.

In Round 8, I had a full squad to select from again but the match away to ACTAS did not go according to plan. We lost Garriock (facial injury) and Joanne Burgess (concussion) in the first fifteen minutes of the match. The team cohesion was poor as well. We hadn't had the time for a training session with the returning Matildas and our possession-type game plan was deviated from as we started to play long balls from the back. The result was a disappointing 2-2 draw.

We had a Sunday match with Victoria just two days later and the Sapphires needed to get back on the rails. The coaching staff and players had a think tank following the ACTAS game and with the help of a video analysis machine we became aware of our errors and also the need to revert to our possession style of play. We travelled to Ainslie Football Club in Round 9 and trounced Victoria 5-0 thanks to a Julie Murray quintet. Interestingly we did not concede another goal after this win.

Amy Wilson

The final match of the regular season saw the powerful SASI Pirates make the journey to the State Soccer Centre at Valentine Sports Park. This turned out to be one of best games of women's soccer ever played in this country. The Sapphires were beautiful to watch. We moved the ball around everywhere and with Julie Murray again in America with the World All-Stars, Joanne Burgess, Michelle Carney, and Alicia Cavanagh scored the goals that gave us a 3-0 victory.

We finished top of the table after ten rounds so it was onto the Grand Final against SASI at Marconi Stadium on November 20. In all honesty this was not the greatest game of football even though we kept our shape and moved the ball around. I think the superb Round 10 display made it hard for the players to reproduce such a performance. However, we maintained our winning record against SASI by winning the Grand Final 1-0.

SS: What were the major factors in the Sapphires becoming National League Premiers and Champions?

CN-K: A crucial aspect was planning. We devised a season-long program before the commencement of pre-season training and we stuck to this plan rigidly. Our team discipline, spirit, and harmony were also fantastic. The depth of our squad proved crucial as well. We knew what our players were capable of but I was extremely proud to be associated with footballers such as Taryn Rockall, Kristine Collins, Lisa Gilbert, Michelle Carney, Neisha Klessattel, Joanne Burgess, Wendy Graham, Alicia Cavanagh, and Cassandra Kell, all of whom improved vastly throughout the season together with the rest of the squad.

SS: Any last words, Cyrille?

CN-K: To win the Championship was superb. It was a great effort by the entire NSW Sapphires squad and special thanks to our off-the-park support from Vicki Linton, Garry Chamberlain and Jodie Camden who were priceless in our victory.

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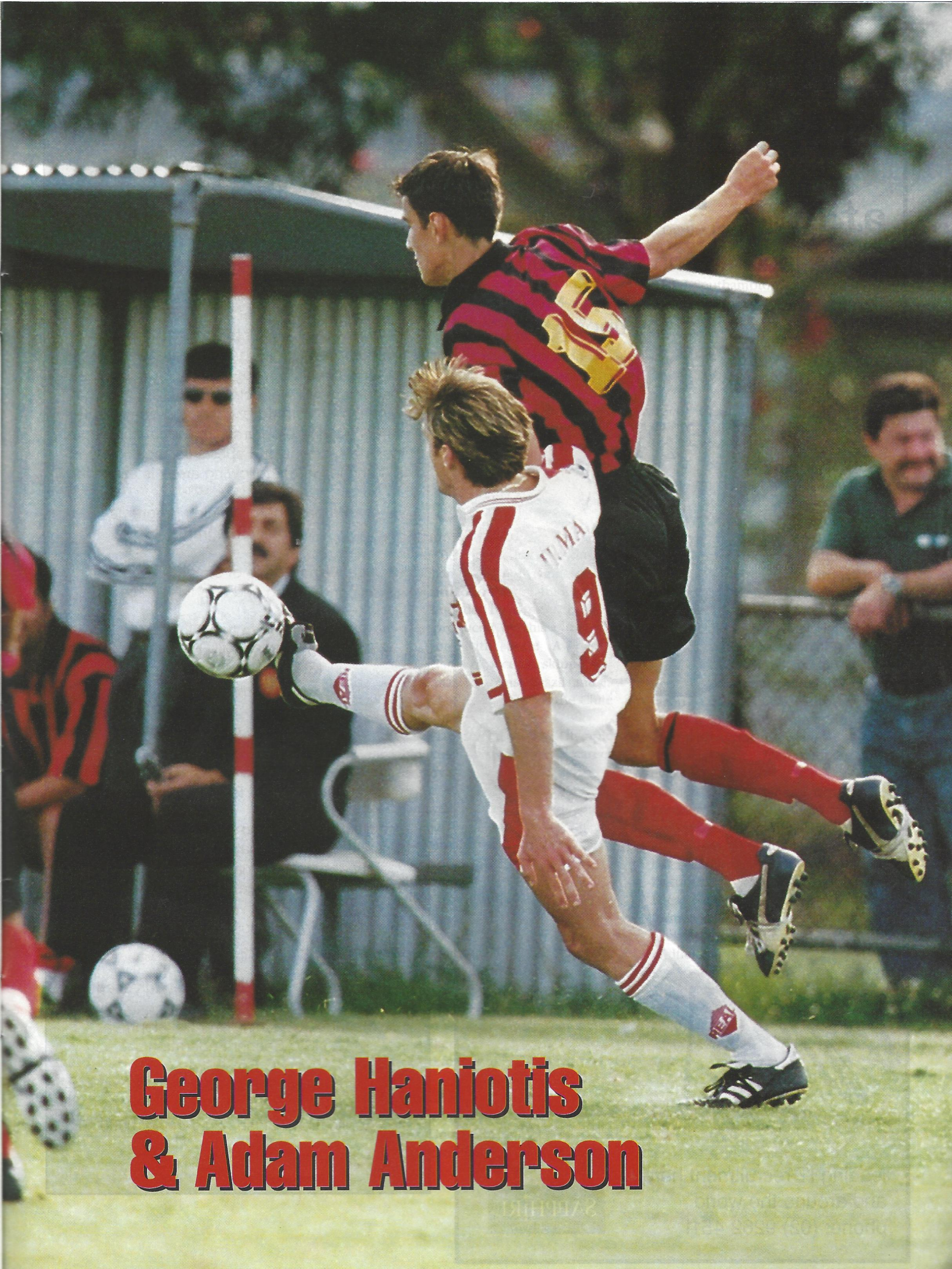

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- the number of collective National Soccer League titles;
- the number of NSW players in top European leagues;
- how NSW teams perform in national titles across all age groups; and
- the contribution of this State towards the five national teams, ie. Socceroos, Olyroos, Young Socceroos, Joeys, and the Matildas.

Binesh Mudaliar looks at the NSW players within the five national teams.

THE SOCCEROOS

With newly appointed coach, Frank Farina, at the helm, the Socceroos launched their preparation for 2002 World Cup campaign in November last year. Players for Farina's first squad were drawn from the premier leagues of Europe and the Australian National League, with only NSW Academy of Sport product, Harry Kewell, unable to make the journey home. Of the 18 men selected to play in the two-match series against Brazil, half had played or were playing important episodes of their careers in NSW. The footballers were:

- Mark Bosnich: First-choice goalkeeper with the best Club in world soccer. Socceroo skipper for the first match against the Brazilians.
- Steve Corica: The former Marconi playmaker is helping Wolverhampton Wanderers' bid to play in next season's FA Carling Premiership.
- Brett Emerton: The Sydney Olympic midfielder is also captain of the Olyroos.
- Richard Johnson: Literally unknown to Australian soccer audiences prior to Frank Farina's appointment. The 25 year-old midfielder hails from Kurri Kurri and has played close to 250 games for Watford.
- Zeljko Kalac: Member of the strong Sydney United sides of the mid-1990s and now first-choice gloveman with Dutch first division Club, Roda JC Kerkrade.
- Harry Kewell: Simply, the best young player in the world.
- Steve Laybutt: No-nonsense defender. Played with Bellmare Hiratsuka during the 1999 Japanese first division season and now returned to Parramatta Power.
- Paul Okon: Regarded by many as the best player ever produced by this country). Utility player with Serie A giant, Fiorentina. Named Socceroo skipper for the second match against Brazil and is widely tipped to be captain for the Chile tournament.
- Ned Zelic: Played with Sydney Olympic prior to kicking-off his European career with Germany's Borussia Dortmund.

Of the players above, only two cannot be claimed as 'original' NSW players: Corica is from Innisfail in Far North Queensland and Zelic is from Canberra.

In changes to the squad once the series started:

- Marconi captain, Brad Maloney, came in to the squad to replace Harry Kewell.
- Marconi striker, Sean Babic, was selected as cover for Mark Viduka; and
- former Rapid Vienna and current Sydney Olympic striker, Pablo Cardozo, replaced Damian Mori for the second game.

THE OLYROOS

The National Under-23 team will represent Australia at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

During 1999, Coach Raul Blanco organised preparatory games against the likes of South Korea, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, Southampton, Kuwait, and Tunisia. After a year's absence from these shores, the Olyroos have returned for a Four-Nation Tournament this month against Nigeria, South Korea, and Egypt in Adelaide, with a further tournament against Olympic Games' participants likely to be held in June.

In his 20-member squad for the round-robin event, Raul Blanco has selected players from the National League, overseas-based players with National League experience prior to their departures, and a handful of players such as Nick Rizzo and Chris Coyne who left for England as teenagers to accept youth traineeships. A touch of deja vu, as half of the 20-member squad are from NSW:

- Eddie Bosnar: The Sydney United defender captained the Joeys in 1997.
- Jacob Burns: Played for the Socceroos against Manchester United in 1999.
- Jason Culina: The former Sydney Olympic midfielder is on a five-year contract with Ajax Amsterdam.
- Brett Emerton: Played for Australia at every level.
- Hayden Foxe: At time of writing, English Premier League Club, Southampton, was preparing a bid for the talented defender.
- Steve Laybutt: With Parramatta Power, but set to continue in Japan with Avispa Fukuoka.
- Lucas Neill: The Sydney-born utility is a former Millwall Player-of-the-Year.
- Nick Rizzo: The former Sydney Olympic midfielder joined Crystal Palace from Liverpool.
- Mile Sterjovski: Plays up-front with Parramatta Power.
- Clayton Zane: A striker with Norway's Champions League representative, Molde.

THE YOUNG SOCCEROOS

The 1999 World Youth Championships in Nigeria was the most recent engagement

for Australia's Under-20 team. Former coach, Les Scheinflug, selected his 18-member squad mainly from the group of youngsters that had secured first-grade spots with National League Clubs. Of the 18-member squad, again, 50% of the players were from NSW:

- Brett Emerton: Is widely tipped to be VERY hot property in the world soccer market post-Sydney 2000.
- Eddie Bosnar: Played all three games in Nigeria '99.
- Paul Wearne: The Northern Spirit utility is yet another product of the NSW Institute of Sport.
- Jason Culina: Wears shirt number 22 for Ajax.
- Mile Sterjovski: In the 1998-99 season, Sterjovski powered Sydney United towards a Grand Final appearance.
- Michael Cunico: Played alongside Harry Kewell in the 1994 Joeys trip to South America. Currently playing midfield with Northern Spirit.
- Christian Care: The midfielder is approaching 50 games for Marconi.
- Joel Griffiths: Mile Sterjovski's strike partner at Parramatta Power.
- Mark Byrnes: At age 17, became the youngest ever Young Socceroo selected.

The Socceroos in Melbourne, November 1999

THE JOEYS

The NSW Joeys were profiled in detail in last week's Super Soccer.

The Silver Medal won by Australia's Under-17 team at last year's World Cup in New Zealand was the best performance to date by an Australian soccer team.

Only time will tell if the 1999 Joeys compare with the 1992 Olyroos, the latter regarded by many fans and experts as the finest Australian team ever produced. For New Zealand, Joeys' boss, Les Scheinflug, selected his squad from players in the National Youth League, several overseas Clubs, and elite youth who had recently won professional contracts with National League outfits. Of the 18-man squad, seven players (just under 40%) had been through the NSWIS:

- Jess Van Stratten: The heroic goalkeeper is now with Northern Spirit.
- Shane Lockhart: Integral part of the Joeys side that dominated the Oceania Qualifiers in Fiji.
- Shane Cansdell-Sherriff: A member of Leeds United's under-17 side.
- Mark Byrnes: Made his National League debut for Parramatta Power late last year.
- Bradley Groves: Playing alongside ex-NSWIS member, Jamie McMaster, in Leeds United's under-19 team.
- Anthony Doumanis: Scored four goals against American Samoa during Oceania Qualifiers.
- Dylan MacAllister: The dangerous striker has been snapped up by National League frontrunners, Sydney Olympic.

Van Stratten, Byrnes, Cansdell-Sherriff, and MacAllister all played in the World Cup final against Brazil in late November.

THE MATILDAS

The Senior National Women's Team will increase their on-field activity in the next few months also in preparation for Sydney 2000.

The Australia Cup, The Algarve Cup (Portugal), The Pacific Cup, and a series of pre-Olympic internationals are on the schedule prior to the Games.

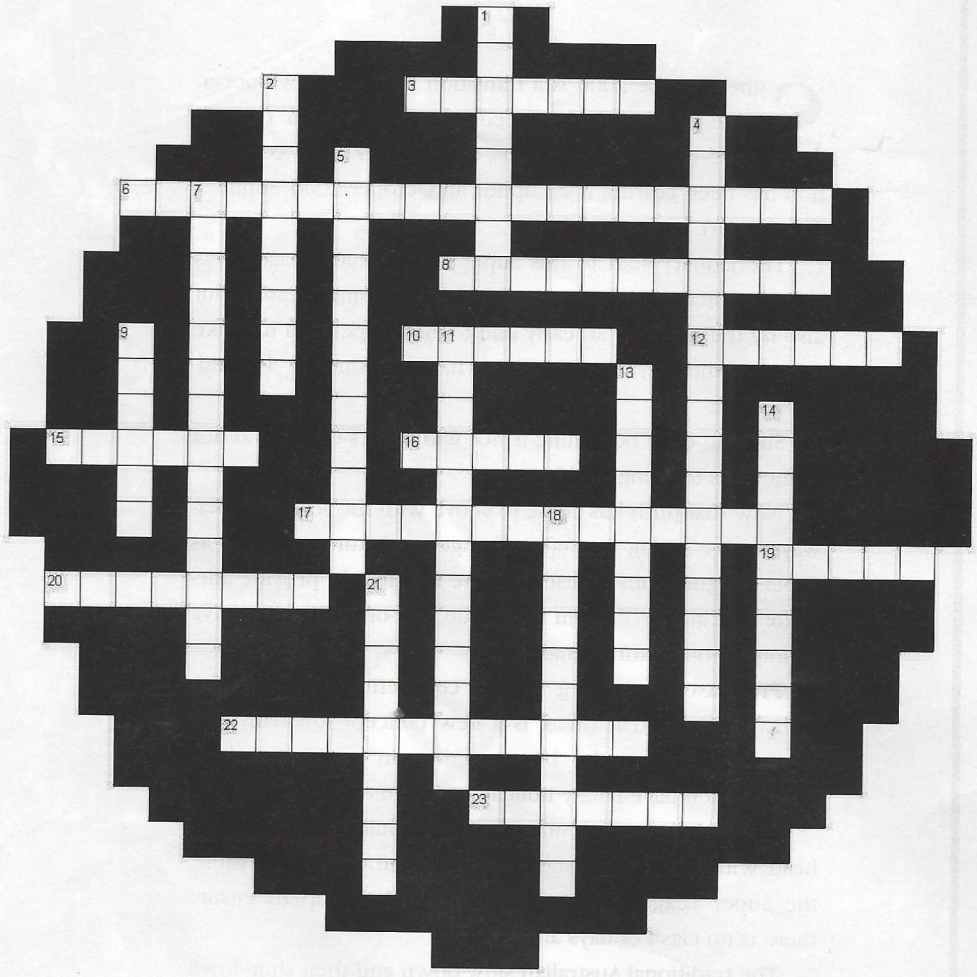
The Matildas have just competed in a Four-Nation Tournament in Sydney and Melbourne with World Champions, USA, Sweden, and the Czech Republic for the Australia Cup.

There are six players from NSW who national coach, Chris Tanzey, has selected to participate in the Australia Cup via National Youth Championships, Women's Super League, NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) programs, Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) training, and the Ansett Australia Summer Series Women's NSL. They are:

- Anissa Tann-Darby: Tough-as-nails defender and Australia's most experienced player with 74 caps.
- Bridgette Starr: Newcastle-born defender who is approaching 50 appearances for Australia.
- Heather Garriock: The 17 year-old midfielder's stunning season for the NSW Sapphires won her selection for the Matildas tour of China in October 1999.
- Kelly Golebiowski: Made her debut for the Matildas as a 14 year-old against the USA in July 1996. The striker is only 18 years-old.
- Katrina Boyd: 9 goals in 25 games for her country gives Boyd the third-best goals-per-game ratio in the Matildas squad. Member of the Olympic Athlete Program.
- Julie Murray: The superstar of the Matildas. Selected for a World XI in 1999.

All of the players above, with the exception of Katrina Boyd, were members of the 1999 Women's National League premiership and championship winning team, the NSW Sapphires.

SUPER SOCCER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. Against which country did Maradona score his infamous 'hand of God' goal?
6. Who coaches Wollongong Wolves? (2 words)
8. An Australian who plays for Wolverhampton Wolves? (2 words)
10. Which country won the 1998 Confederations Cup?
12. If you pass the ball along the ground, which part of the foot is best to kick the ball with?
15. SBS sports commentator Les _____
16. What is the minimum number of players a soccer team must start the match with?
17. Where do Hurstville City play their home games? (2 words)
19. Which country hosted the 1962 World Cup?
20. Which country does Carlos Valderrama play for?
22. Who is the captain of South Melbourne? (2 words)
23. The method for deciding a game if there is still no result after extra time is called a "_____ shootout"

DOWN

1. Who did Manly beat in the Division 1 Major semi-final in 1999?
2. Where do Perth Glory play their home games? (2 words)
4. Which club were the NSL champions in 1985? (2 words)
5. Which three colours are on the Central Coast Coasties home strip? (3 words)
7. Which NSL club won the wooden spoon in the 1998-99 season? (2 words)
9. Spanish club Athletico _____
11. Which Italian player missed a crucial penalty during the penalty shootout in the final of the 1994 World Cup?
13. Which club are the reigning Spanish champions?
14. Which St George player missed his shot in a penalty shootout two weeks in a row in 1999? (2 words)
18. Who scored the first goal in the Super League Preliminary final in 1999? (2 words)
21. Which Adelaide Force/City (and former Socceroo) defender retired earlier this year? (2 words)

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Editorial

Super League 2000 is a transition year for NSW soccer. Since the Board of the Federation decided in 1998 to move to 'Summer Soccer', the premier State competition has been gearing itself up for an October 2000 'Summer Soccer' start.

The January start to this Super League 2000 season was not only dictated by the transition to a summer season, but also by the need for an early end to all competition to make way for the Olympic Games which commence in mid-September.

Such an early beginning is not without its critics and not without its teething problems.

Now that push has come to shove with the season underway, we are seeing inevitable changes to fixtures required as Super League clubs realise they are not able to provide adequate lighting for 7.00pm first-grade kick-offs. Changes have an impact on all three grades.

Pre-season training and competition over the Christmas/New Year break is a new concept for many, and places pressure on the 18s age group in particular, where players often have family holiday commitments.

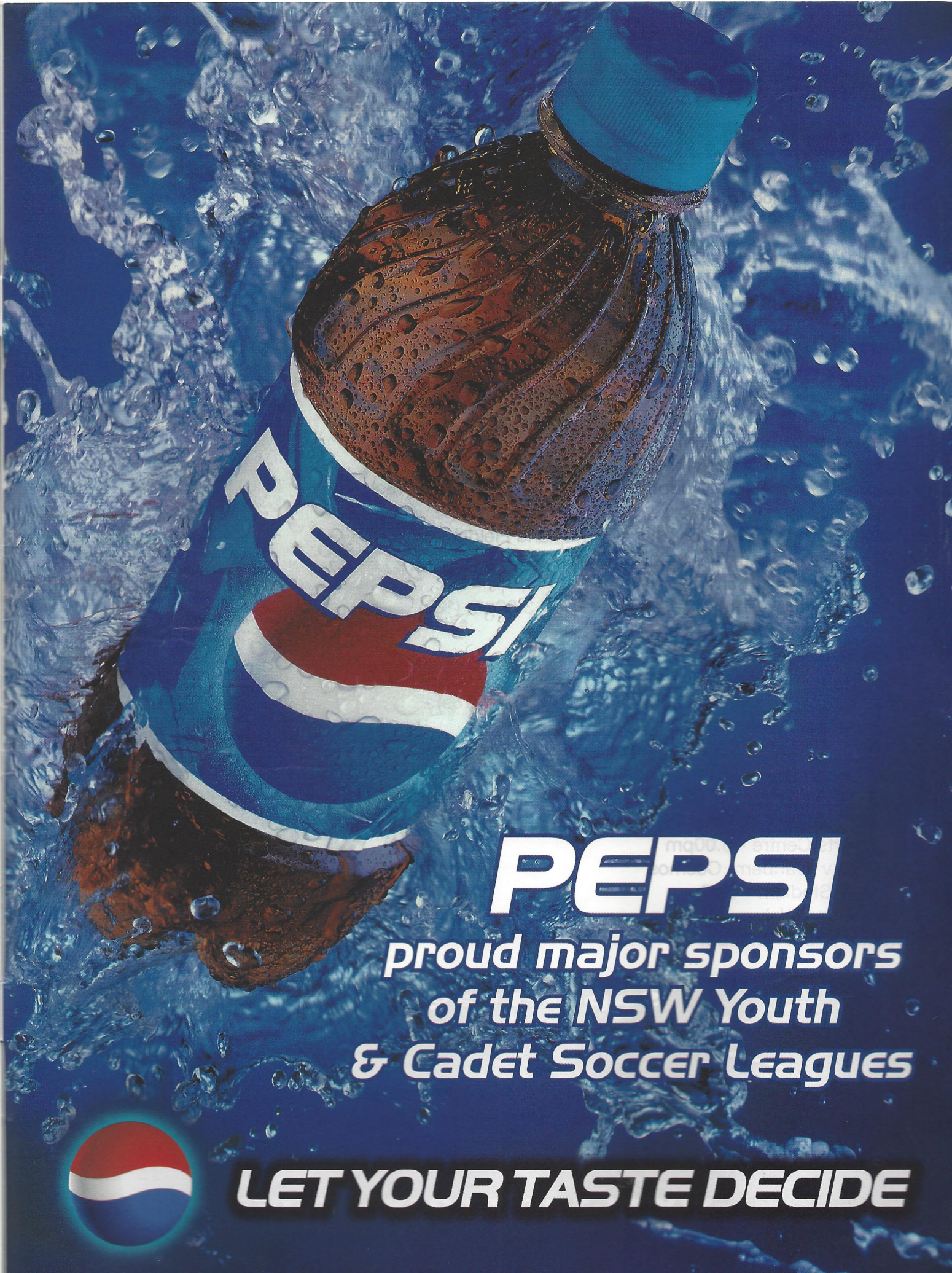
Others believe that Super League should not go 'head-to-head' with the national soccer league - and, as far as possible, the Super League fixtures have been drawn-up to ensure there is no clash of days and times.

The traditional Australian slow-down and then shut-down from mid-December to mid-January also has an impact as individuals, Clubs and the Federation finalise arrangements - whether it be purchasing a new pair of boots (very difficult to find in Sydney in December!); finalising player schedules and team strips; or co-ordinating the production of Super Soccer!

Super League 2000 kicked-off on Wednesday 5 January with the 18s clash between Manly Warringah and Canterbury Marrickville at Cromer Park (Manly Warringah won 2-0) and continued through to last weekend.

From all reports, all matches were of a "pleasing standard" according to many onlookers for the season's start, and fans and supporters were not deterred by all the little things - such as old boots, lighting, playing strips or player lists - which are sent to try us! In fact, "bumper" crowds were enjoyed at some games which seems to reinforce the view that Super League has its own set of fans who enjoy having a local, grassroots team to support.

Bonnie Mersiades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GAMES IN NSW THIS WEEK

At a glance

There's a feast of football on every weekend in Sydney and surrounding area.
Here's a quick guide to the Super League 2000, NSL and international games this week.

For detailed information on Super League 2000, see inside!

Friday 14 January
Northern Spirit v Perth Glory
North Sydney Oval - 7.30pm

Saturday 15 January
Blacktown City v Bankstown City
Gabbie Stadium - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)
Sutherland Sharks v Fairfield Bulls
Seymour Shaw Park - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)
Macarthur Rams v St George
Bensley Road Sports Complex - (Macquarie Fields) -
7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)
Bonnyrigg v Leichhardt
Serbian Centre - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)

Sunday 16 January
Canterbury Marrickville v Penrith Panthers
Henson Park - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s) -
Parramatta Eagles v Manly Warringah
Melita Stadium - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)
Eastern Suburbs v Central Coast
David Phillips Field - 7.00pm - 5.00pm (21s) - 3.00pm (18s)
Sydney United v Sydney Olympic
SU Sports Centre - 5.00pm
Marconi v Canberra Cosmos
Marconi Stadium - 6.00pm
Wollongong Wolves v Carlton
Brandon Park - 6.30pm

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